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ALABAMA SHAKES CALGARY!

Brittany Howard, lead singer of Alabama Shakes, shakes up the Thursday night crowd at the opening night of the Calgary Folk Music Festival. Story, page 8. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Population of the city stands at 1.15 million

New homes. More than 9,000 new housing units were added in the past census year, bringing Calgary's total homes to more than 468,000

Calgary's population has reached 1,149,552, according to the results of the latest municipal census.

The number of city residents grew by 29,327 between April 2012 and April 2013, an increase of 2.62 per cent. That's about the same level of growth reported a year earlier.

"We are now in a sustained period of growth," Mayor Naheed Nenshi said. "We're not quite at where we were at the height of the last boom, but we're actually not that far."

Net-positive in-migration to Calgary accounted for 19,067 of the new residents. The rest was due to births outnumbering deaths by 10,260.

The total population increase is the second-largest recorded in the past 20 years. The highest came in the 2006 municipal census, which reported an addition of 35,681 residents at that time.

The fastest-growing community in the city last year was Evanston, which saw a population increase of 1,680.

Seven more communities saw growth rates of more than 1,000 people, including Auburn Bay, Cranston, Skyview Ranch, Panorama Hills, New Brighton, Copperfield, and Aspen Woods.

Ald. Shane Keating wasn't surprised four of those communities fall in his Ward 12, which he expects will

continue to see the biggest growth.

"The southeast is, hands down, going to be the fastest-growing area and it will take into account the vast majority of the city's growth," Keating said, adding that the census data adds weight to his argument in favour of more south-east transit infrastructure.

"To totally continue to ignore that is a crime to those who live there," Keating said.

Roughly two-thirds of the city's total growth happened in new neighbourhoods, which Nenshi said is "roughly the right balance."

The mayor has expressed concern in the past about shrinking populations in some core-area neighbourhoods, but said the latest census results suggest the "doughnut around the downtown" has stabilized.

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Deal. Gang member gives up associates for 16-year sentence

One of the players in Calgary's gangland skirmishes over the past decade is turning on his former associates in exchange for an agreed sentence of 16 years.

Michael Roberto pleaded guilty Thursday to five charges of conspiring to commit murder and committing murder for the benefit or at the direction of a criminal organization.

He admitted to walking into Calgary's Bolsa restaurant on New Year's Day 2009 and fatally shooting rival gang member Sanjeev Mann.

Another gang member, Aaron Bendle, and innocent bystander Keni S'ua were also killed in the shooting, one of many involving the gang FOB and its rival, the FOB Killers.

Last week, Calgary police said that after a five-year investigation, they charged five men with the slayings of six people, including the three at Bolsa.

Crown prosecutor Brian Holby characterized the plea bargain with Roberto as "a deal with a devil" but said there was no choice.

"We did not have a reasonable likelihood of conviction for many of the charges that were laid last week until he co-operated," said Holby.

"He was not prepared to co-operate with the Crown or with the police if he was forced to plead to first-degree murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment with no parole for 25 years. So as a compromise, he agreed to plead guilty to a criminal organization charge, admitting the murder, because we thought it was important the truth come out."

Roberto and Nathan Zucherato had previously been convicted of three counts of first-degree murder in the Bolsa shooting, but those were overturned and new trials were ordered after new evidence came to light.

With credit for time served, Roberto will have just eight years left to serve.

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Bolsa restaurant THE CANADIAN PRESS



Calgary Police Chief Rick Hanson's focus on crime prevention and early intervention has been credited for the city's declining crime rate. "We have to give hats off to the chief," said Ald. Shane Keating, who sits on the police commission board. METRO FILE

City safe, getting safer: StatsCan

Good numbers. Commission chair credits targeted enforcement, focus on 'early intervention'

Calgary was the safest city in Western Canada in 2012 and rates of crime that are of most concern to residents were down compared to the previous five years, according to new data.

Last year saw the city's overall crime rate drop six per cent compared to 2011, coming in at 4,330 reported incidents per 100,000 people, according to

Statistics Canada.

The city also saw a seven-per-cent drop in its "crime severity index" — a measure of the seriousness of reported crime — which came in with a score of 60.5.

Both measures are below the national average but above many cities in Ontario, which recorded the lowest crime levels of all provinces in 2012.

More detailed data to be presented to city council Monday also shows declines in the types of crimes that Calgarians have said concern them the most.

Assaults were down 11 per cent in 2012 compared to the previous five-year average, while drug offences were down

14 per cent.

Calgary Police Commission chair Mike Shaikh attributed the declines to the police service's targeted enforcement of problem areas and its focus on "early intervention and education strategies" aimed at the "root causes" of crime.

A big part of that strategy, according to acting deputy police Chief Katie McLellan, is engaging with Calgarians, communicating with them, and relying on them to be additional "eyes and ears" for officers.

"It's the citizens who come forward and tell us where the issues are and what their concerns," McLellan said.

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Around the country

Toronto was the safest city in the country, with a crime rate of 3,131 per 100,000 and crime severity index of 52.1.

- Kelowna, B.C., had the highest crime rate (8,875 per 100,000), while Regina had the highest crime severity index (116).

- Homicides doubled year-over-year in Calgary, with 18 in 2012 compared to nine in 2011, but were still down from the city's five-year average of 20.2.

Calgary speeders tagged more than 1,000 times a day in 2012

While Calgary's crime rate was down in 2012, the number of speeding tickets issued was way up — with more than 1,000 tickets issued per day, on average.

A total of 377,110 summonses for speeding were handed out last year, according to the Calgary Police Service's fourth-quarter business plan report, due to be presented to city council on Monday.

That's up 18.6 per cent from

2011 and 35.8 per cent from the previous five-year average.

Acting Traffic Section Insp. Michael Watterston said there are a number of reasons that could account for the big jump in tickets, including the installation of higher-resolution cameras at more of the city's automated enforcement locations.

"That would be a factor," he said. "It's not the only one. There's a number of things."

A milder winter in 2012 could also be related, Watterston added, as could more construction on city roads that year.

The vast majority of tickets are doled out through automated enforcement at 51 intersections throughout the city and mobile photo radar units, he added.

"With our manned enforcement it's not so much about the

numbers, it's about addressing the traffic safety complaints," he said.

Ald. Shane Keating, who sits on the Calgary Police Commission board, said he has no sympathy for speeders and hopes the high number of tickets will prompt more drivers to change their habits.

"Calgary wants to go too fast all the time," he said. "We have to relax." ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Series of unfortunate events unfolds after SUV crash, but no fatalities among them

Domino effect. Impaired charges laid after van crashes, hits transformer, severs gas line and ignites three homes

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Police have laid impaired-driving charges on a 32-year-old man, following a crash and fire that police say was "a miracle no one was killed."

The crash took place in the community of Arbour Lake on Wednesday night, when the SUV of the accused jumped the curb, hitting the veranda on one house, struck a second house and sent debris flying, damaging a third home.

"It must have been jaw-dropping to see happen," said Det. Ryan Dobson with the arson unit.

The vehicle came to rest on the second home after hitting the home vertically and drop-

ping back down onto the tires.

Tire marks could be seen on the overhangs of two of the homes and another tire was found about 170 feet up the road.

The vehicle also hit a transformer before hitting the first home, sending it flying 76 feet, landing on a gas line and causing a small explosion, causing significant fire damage to two of the three homes, and melting the siding on a fourth.

Neighbour Lucy Wharton was one of the first people on scene after hearing the crash happen around 11:20 p.m.

"It was a loud crash, with no screeching tires," said Wharton.

Wharton said the driver, the lone occupant of the vehicle, was still inside the SUV when she arrived and was later taken to hospital in serious condition. He has since been released.

Darren McDowell has been charged with impaired driving and taking a vehicle without consent and will make his first court appearance on Friday.



Crews inspect the damage caused by a vehicle that struck a home on Wednesday night in Arbour Meadows. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

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"The Beakerhead Summer Intensive is exposing students to potential careers that exist in their fields of interest," said Cathy Faber with the Calgary Board of Education.

Beakerhead partnered up with the Calgary Board of Education to bring 10 high school students together to create this unique creature, which will take part in Beakerhead — a festival of creativity held throughout Calgary Sept. 11 to 15.

Throughout the program, students received specialized, hands-on instruction and mentorship in the fields of engineering, marketing, robotics and fashion design, all in the effort to show students different aspects of their particular interests, whether



Sixteen-year-old Grade 11 students Evan Wilmot, left, and Sergio Jaume put the finishing touches on the wrapping of what will be a gigantic pedal-powered turtle, at the Beakerhead Summer Intensive on Thursday morning.

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that be science or arts.

Evan Wilmot, 16, one of the students attending the intensive, said it was a great experience and that it was particularly interesting to watch the process evolve from a simple brainstorming session to the final product.

Created as a metaphor for the city, Wilmot said the turtle represents the ability of Calgary to deal with the elements.

"This city can still survive, whether it's on land or in water," said Wilmot.

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Calgary's west LRT line opened in December 2012. METRO FILE

City staff defend evolving budget of west LRT project

What happened?

Aldermen question how the west LRT budget nearly doubled in the span of almost six years

City bureaucrats defended their cost estimates of the west LRT project Thursday after an audit raised concerns about how the initially presented price tag of \$700 million in 2007 eventually ballooned to \$1.4 billion.

"Is council going to know much more accurately what the final costs might be in the future, rather than adjusting the budget as we go along?" Ald. Shane Keating asked during a meeting of the city's audit committee.

Gord Stewart, who oversaw the west LRT construction, said part of the issue was the

Details

The 8.2-kilometre west LRT line runs from 7 Avenue downtown to 69th Street SW.

- After some doubts, the project was ultimately completed on time and is forecast to come in just under the final budget of \$1.387 billion.
- Ald. Shane Keating said that only happened, however, "because the budget kept moving."

"design-build" contract the city employed for the major undertaking, but that doesn't mean that type of contract is inherently flawed.

"Part of our approach when we undertake a project is to

determine what is the best contract delivery method for us," he said. "This works. It has to be carefully monitored — just like other approaches are — and we will use it again in the appropriate circumstances."

Transportation general manager Mac Logan said some of the project's cost increases were known to the mayor and aldermen of the day but weren't necessarily shared publicly, as the current council has adopted a more transparent approach to communicating such things.

Still he said lessons were learned, including allocating more resources to coming up with initial budget estimates for such a large project.

"In hindsight, maybe there should have been a little bit more time and a little bigger team to do this at the outset," he said. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

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Father buys son winning \$9.8M ticket

\$5 Quick Pick. Calgary man used to tease his dad about spending money on lottery tickets, but not anymore

After teasing his dad about the amount of money he

was spending on lottery tickets, Calgarian Ngawang Nardechen is likely biting his tongue.

On July 6, Nardechen became \$9.8 million richer.

According to a release issued Thursday by the Western Canada Lottery Corporation, Nardechen was watching a commercial for the lottery a few weeks ago with

Mea culpa

"I can honestly say now that he was right."

Ngawang Nardechen, who teased his dad about playing the lotto, now has to eat his words after his father bought him a winning ticket

his dad.

"I always poke fun at him

about the money he spends on the lottery," said Nardechen in a statement.

"I ask him, how much money would you have if you hadn't spent in on the lottery? He agrees with me but he has this saying: 'You can never win if you don't play.'"

His dad bought him a \$5 Quick Pick from a store on 7 Avenue S.W. and his mom

scanned it a few days later.

"I was the last one to know," said Nardechen.

He said when he found out, he sunk into the couch, having no idea how to react.

Nardechen said he's still deciding how to spend the money, but hopes to take care of his parents and likely won't be bugging his dad about playing the lottery anymore. **METRO**



Ngawang Nardechen CONTRIBUTED

If you took the quit smoking drug CHAMPIX between April 2, 2007 and May 31, 2010, your rights could be affected by the certification of a class action. Please read carefully.

The Ontario Superior court has certified a class action for Canadians who took Champix between April 2, 2007 and May 31, 2010 and allegedly suffered certain reactions. The Representative Plaintiff is Kenneth Parker.

What is the Class Action About?

The lawsuit seeks compensation for all class members. It alleges that, between April 2, 2007 and May 31, 2010, Pfizer Canada Inc. failed to adequately warn of the risk of certain psychiatric adverse events allegedly related to Champix.

Pfizer Canada Inc. denies the allegations, which have not been established, and is defending the lawsuit.

Who is Included in the Class Action?

All persons in Canada who took Champix during the period from April 2, 2007 to May 31, 2010 and who, while taking or after taking Champix to help quit smoking, experienced any of the psychiatric adverse events or symptoms listed below:

- thoughts about suicide or dying
- attempts to commit suicide
- new or worse depression, anxiety or panic attacks
- feeling very agitated or restless
- acting aggressive, being angry or violent
- acting on dangerous impulses
- an extreme increase in activity and talking (mania)
- abnormal thoughts or sensations
- seeing or hearing things that are not there (hallucinations)
- feeling people are against you (paranoia)
- feeling confused
- other unusual changes in behaviours

If you are a person who fits the above description, you are a member of the "Class". If you are a relative of a member of the Class who is entitled to make claims under any of the Dependents Statutes in Canada as a result of the death or personal injury of your relative, you are a member of the "Family Class".

If you are a Class member or Family Class member you do not need to do anything at this stage to participate – you are automatically included in the class action. You are encouraged however to contact Class Counsel for more information, and to discuss the steps necessary for preserving medical records that may be needed for any claim that may be advanced on your behalf.

You Must Opt-Out if You Do Not Want to Participate

If you do not want to be part of this lawsuit you must notify Class Counsel at the address below, in writing, by no later than September 20, 2013, providing your name and address and indicating that you do not want to be part of this lawsuit.

If you are a Class member or a Family Class member and do not exclude yourself by that date you will be included in this lawsuit and will be forever bound by the court's judgment on the common issues, whether favourable or not.

What are the Financial Consequences?

If the action is not successful on the common issues, no class member will be responsible for legal fees or costs. The Representative Plaintiff has entered into a contingency fee agreement with Class Counsel for the legal work on the common issues. Class Counsel will be paid only if the action is successful.

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Meteorite madness. Local man on hunt for rocks from outer space

Calvin Duszynski is a big believer that one man's junk is another's treasure.

Over the past few months, the avid Calgary meteorite collector's been placing newspaper ads south of the border attempting to inform farmers in Montana, the Dakotas, Wyoming and Minnesota there may be more than just a rock jammed in their harvester.

"These ranchers have monster pieces of land out there.... When you have those type of person-per-square-mile ratios, the likelihood of meteorites just lying out there compared to here in Calgary is much higher," he

explained.

So far, Duszynski has received more than 100 responses and two actual rocks have been recovered with two more tentatively on the way. He's hoping to build up a collection in the hundreds, with rocks ranging in size from a single gram to more than 20 pounds.

He said the rocks can hold the key to answers about the solar system and potentially life on other planets.

"You can go and date these rocks and figure out how old they are ... where they're actually coming from," he said. "It's amazing when you think about it." **JEREMY NOLAN/METRO**



Two of the meteorites in Calvin Duszynski's collection. CONTRIBUTED

Alberta. Automobile insurance board OK's rate increase by up to 5%

Alberta's Automobile Insurance Rate Board is approving a premiums rate increase of up to five per cent.

The board says insurance companies have the option of bringing in all or part of the increase starting Nov. 1 and over the next three years.

The decision comes after the board's annual public rate review of mandatory automobile insurance.

The board says a double-digit increase was actually warranted because the aver-

age cost of bodily injury claims in 2012 rose significantly.

That's even though the number of claims went down.

But the rate review board says it wanted to take a more measured approach.

"A five per cent increase, which works out to on average \$30 per year, reflects current insurance trends while still keeping premiums at a reasonable level," board chairman Alfred Savage said in a release Thursday.

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Festival volunteers Amber Storey, left, and Candice Giammarino hold up this year's folk fest guide before the gates opened Thursday. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Tarpies rejoice, Folk Fest forges on

Flood. City staff have been preparing Prince's Island Park since last month's flood



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With a lineup of hundreds snaking through Prince's Island Park hours before the gates to Calgary Folk Music Festival opened, it may be difficult to tell the festival's location was underwater just over a month ago.

The annual running, or fast-paced walk, of the tarpies (those who stake claim in front of the main stage with a tarp or blanket), was in full force

Volunteers

1,700

The Calgary Folk Music Festival has 1,700 volunteers that commit anywhere between 16 to 40 hours each to make the festival happen.

with some lining up early in the morning to be there for the 4:30 p.m. gate opening.

When asked what time she arrived to snag a spot near the front of the line, Marlene Augusten said "early," adding she doesn't reveal her secrets to getting a good position.

"The city has come together to make the festival happen so we definitely wanted to support it," she said. "It's going to

be one of those history making years."

Volunteer Candice Giammarino said while a few things are different on the island, including a stage being moved to Eau Claire, and wood chips blanketing some areas of the island to soak up moisture, she was hopeful the spirit would be the same.

"I'm excited," she said. "It will be interesting to see how things play out with the changes but it's always a great time."

Mike Hanrahan and friend Rob Sheedy have been coming to folk fest for 15 years and were confident festival organizers and city staff would make it happen once again this year.

"We wait all year for it so I'm pretty happy," said Sheedy. "I knew they'd do it"

Lethbridge

Officers justified in shooting: ASIRT

An investigation has concluded that the actions of two Lethbridge police officers who shot and killed an immigrant from Bhutan were justified.

A review by the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) says the 26-year-old man posed a threat when he advanced on the officers with a knife.

The man, who had recently immigrated to Canada, was pronounced dead in hospital. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Alberta oil spill. Protest gathers outside Calgary- based corporation

A few dozen people gathered outside the headquarters of a Calgary-based oil-sands company to protest spills in northeastern Alberta.

The protesters say they want answers from Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.

Earlier this month Alberta's energy regulator told the corporation to stop injecting steam into the ground near Cold Lake after

a series of four spills.

Members of the Beaver Lake Cree and Cold Lake First Nations area say they aren't getting enough information about what happened.

Greenpeace Canada says the company must be accountable for its actions.

The groups say spills over the last six weeks have killed animals and birds.

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In Big Yellow Taxi, Joni Mitchell poetically sings, "You don't know what you've got till it's gone."

It's a song that I've thought about a lot over the past couple of weeks, especially because we came so close to losing so much. The Calgary Zoo and Prince's Island Park both got hit hard, but this weekend Calgarians will finally be welcomed back to the island for the Calgary Folk Music Festival, and next Wednesday the zoo will begin its staggered opening.

If you had asked me a couple of weeks ago if this year's Folk Fest was going to happen, I would have confidently said no. As someone who lives just a few blocks away from Prince's Island Park, over two days I watched the water threaten and then consume the historic green space. When the water did recede, the island was covered in thick mud, making it impossible to imagine that in just a few weeks, it would be in a condition to host seven stages and tents and more than 50,000 people. But thanks to the ever-impressive group of Calgary volunteers, I have once again been proven wrong.

If you've never been to the Folk Fest or you don't even know if you like folk music, I implore you to pick up a day

pass or two. Truthfully, every year the festival lineup may as well be a Russian phone book. I could probably count on one hand how many of the bands I've actually heard of, but after a few years of pretending I'm exited to see this or that guy play a guitar, I've realized that for many the music is just a small component of the four-day festival.

This weekend, when the festival takes over, it will essentially turn Prince's Island Park into a small city. Actually, with a temporary population of more than 50,000 people, it rivals the size of my hometown of Fredericton, N.B. (only without the HST).

In between pretending I know the lyrics to a song by an artist I've never heard of, you can often find me wandering the park, stopping at the dozens of shops scattered around the island. I don't know how they do it, but T-shirts from Folk Fest just seem more comfortable. Same goes for the food. There's something about sitting under a shaded tree listening to folk music that just makes food taste better.

Which I think is the point of Folk Fest. From discovering new music to supporting this city's entrepreneurs, the festival seemingly makes it easier to become a better person — and this year that's what I'll appreciate more than ever.

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Terri Henrichs shows off one of the pieces she created for the Alberta Flood Rose Project, a collaboration involving hundreds of artists creating wild-rose art to auction off for flood relief. KATIE TURNER/METRO

No thorns on these roses

Charity. Inspired by the wild rose, over 400 artists create pieces that will be auctioned off for flood relief

More info

- A date and location for the auction event has yet to be determined.
- Terri Henrichs encourages

those interested to visit thealbertafloodroseproject.com, where more info and photos of some of the pieces are posted.

Calgary and area artists are using the provincial flower for inspiration in raising funds for flood relief.

Late last month, visual artist Terri Henrichs put a call out to the art community, asking for submissions to be used in a

fundraiser in Southern Alberta and challenging participants to use for inspiration the Alberta wild rose.

"Just knowing about the devastation.... I was wondering what I could do to help," she said.

Friday marks the submission deadline, and with about 450 artists committing at least one or two pieces, Henrichs said hundreds of four-by-four-inch works have already been submitted.

"I'm guessing we'll have 600

or 700 pieces," she said. "When I think about every single one of those people, that many artists being dedicated to doing this, it's just astonishing."

From paint to pencil to metalwork, Henrichs said there's a great range of pieces.

Once all the art has been gathered, Henrichs plans to create larger collections that place over 80 canvases into a larger shadow box.

She said they plan to exhibit the work in galleries around the city before auctioning them off at the end of August.

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Bulgaria. Officials release name, face of Canadian accused in bus bombing

Bulgarian authorities distributed on Thursday the names and images of two wanted suspects — one of them Canadian — involved in a bomb attack that killed five Israeli tourists and a Bulgarian bus driver last year.

The first alleged terrorist is identified as Meliad Farah, also known as Hussein Hussein, an Australian citizen born Nov. 5, 1980. The second is Hassan El Hajj Hassan, a Canadian citizen born March 22, 1988.

Canada's Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said in February that one of the suspects



Hassan El Hajj Hassan HANDOUT

was born in Lebanon, came to Canada at age eight, became a Canadian citizen and then left at age 12.

"I understand he may have been back to Canada a few times since then, but he has not been a habitual resident in Canada since the age of 12," Kenney said.

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Dublin

Man's body left to rot in occupied home for years

Irish police say a dead man's badly decomposed remains have been found in an occupied Dublin house and may have lain there,

undisturbed, for four years.

Police say the house's residents were illegal squatters and drug users.

They say the previous tenant may have died during a fire at the property in 2009, but his body was not seen by firefighters and eventually obscured by a broken piece of furniture.

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Train likely derailed at double the speed limit

Spain derailment. Reason still unknown as authorities wait to question injured driver

A Spanish train that hurtled off the rails and smashed into a security wall was going so fast that carriages tumbled off the tracks like dominos, killing 80 people and maiming dozens more, according to eyewitness accounts and video footage obtained Thursday.

An Associated Press analysis suggests the train may have been travelling at twice the speed limit or more along that

80 km/h limit

192 km/h

The highest estimate of the train's speed based on an examination of video images.

curved stretch of track.

Spain's government said two probes have been launched into Wednesday's derailment.

The regional government in Galicia confirmed that police planned to question the 52-year-old train driver, in hospital with unspecified injuries, as both a witness and as a possible suspect, but said possible faults in safety equipment were also being investigated.

Eyewitness accounts backed by security-camera footage suggested that the train was going too fast as it tried to turn beneath a road bridge. Spanish officials said the speed limit on that section of track is 80 km/h.

An Associated Press estimate of the train's speed using the time stamp of the video and the estimated distance between two pylons gives a range of 144-192 km/h. Another estimate calculated on the basis of the typical distance between railroad ties gives a range of 156-182 km/h. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



An image taken from security-camera footage in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, on Wednesday. Investigators tried to determine Thursday why the passenger train jumped the tracks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Premiers vow to fight jobs training scheme



Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne at the Council of the Federation summer meeting in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Thursday. AARON LYNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Controversy.

New plan would require provinces to cough up more than half a billion dollars

Canada's provincial and territorial leaders vowed Thursday to fight Ottawa's controversial plan to fund jobs training

for workers, saying the new scheme would require them to come up with more than half a billion dollars in extra cash.

There's concern across the board over the Canada Job Grant, said Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, who is hosting the Council of the Federation meeting.

The Harper government wants to divert some of the money it gives to the provinces

Premiers' response

"There really was a very strong feeling that the program as it exists won't work."

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne

and territories to the new program, which would provide a grant of \$15,000 per worker.

The provinces and territories, as well as the employers, would each kick in \$5,000.

But the premiers are worried that it won't give them enough flexibility to direct the money where it's needed most and could jeopardize existing provincially run programs. Small businesses aren't interested in taking part in this program either, Wynne said.

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Alberta Government

Presents for a prince. Mukluks, blanket among Canadian gifts

It may be a while before Prince George pays a visit to Canada, but the country's future king already has plenty of symbolic homegrown mementoes.

On their official website, Prince William and his wife, Kate, expressed gratefulness for the gifts they've already received for their newborn son but suggest well-wishers instead support those in need, such as a local children's charity.

Canada appears to be heeding the call. Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced a donation by the government of \$100,000 to a Canadian child-focused charity to be named at a later date.

The young prince could soon be swathed in a Canadian handcrafted blanket, an additional gift Harper said is "reflective of our country's rich and diverse culture."

Fashioned from cream-coloured qiviut (muskox wool) with a white border, the Canadian coat of arms and Prince George's birthdate will be embroidered on the blanket, which is in the process of being made.

"These gifts symbolize our warm ties to our Royal Family, honouring our close and end-

during relationship," Harper said in a statement Thursday.

Harper and his wife, Laureen, and Gov. Gen. David Johnston and his wife, Sharon, are

also offering a personal present to the infant heir to the throne: a selection of Canadian children's books in both official languages.

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Manitobah Mukluks, a gift from Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pay it forward

Good Samaritans spread some caffeinated cheer

Coffee was flowing free for hundreds of Canadians at three Tim Hortons locations Thursday as the act of one Good Samaritan appeared to precipitate a wave of copycat java generosity.

Since Monday at least five cases of coffee philanthropy have been reported: one each in Red Deer, Alta., Calgary and Ottawa, and two in Edmonton.

The first donation happened on Monday, when a young man in his mid-to-late 20s walked into Tim Hortons in downtown Edmonton and ordered a large double-double and a Boston cream doughnut.

And large coffees for the next 500 customers.

As news spread on social media, some skeptics speculated that the donations were part of an elaborate publicity stunt by the coffee chain.

But Tim Hortons spokeswoman Michelle Robichau said that's not the case.

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Changes to drunk-driving laws on the road ahead

New justice minister.

Families affected by impaired-driving accidents hope Peter MacKay has answers

The new federal justice minister says the Conservative government is considering changes to impaired driving legislation in the Criminal Code.

But Peter MacKay, who only took over the portfolio earlier this month, wouldn't say exactly what is being pondered as he headed into a meeting with crime victims in Edmonton.

"I can tell you I did numerous trials on impaired-driving cases, first as a defence lawyer and then prosecuting cases,"



Peter MacKay
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

MacKay said Thursday, recalling his time working as a lawyer in Nova Scotia.

"I recall vividly a judge making a statement in a trial that I was prosecuting to the accused that driving down the

road while under the effect of drugs or alcohol is no different than pointing a gun at another human being."

MacKay said he wanted to meet with more victims of impaired driving before announcing the changes the government is contemplating.

One of the people MacKay met with Thursday was a mother whose 18-year-old son was one of three Alberta men killed in a crash where drunk driving was suspected.

The minister's words were a huge relief for Sheri Arsenault, whose son Bradley Arsenault died along with two friends south of Edmonton on Nov. 26, 2011.

Jonathan Pratt, 28, of Beaumont, Alta., is charged in the case, which is still before the courts.

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Deadly collapse. Mall owner admits he could have fixed eroding roof

The owner of the crumbling Algo Centre Mall admitted Thursday he actually had the cash to fix the leaking roof but chose not to because it would have meant pouring money down the drain.

Testifying for a third day at the inquiry into the deadly collapse of the Elliot Lake, Ont., mall, Bob Nazarian said he sold a property he owned in 2009 — four years after he purchased the mall — then spent \$2.6 million to buy another.

Why, commission counsel Peter Doody asked, didn't he instead put that money into fixing the roof?

"Because," Nazarian said.

"Because why?"

"The Algo Mall was a black hole. No matter how much money you put in ... that mall was doomed," Nazarian responded.

"Simply, I would not put my life in it. I worked 42 years to gather some (funds) for my family. I'm not going to put everything in this building."

The stunning admission came after days of testimony about how Nazarian had been desperate to finance repairs to the leaking roof, which caved in last summer, killing two women. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Rescue workers remove their hard hats as firefighters carry a second body out of the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake on June 27, 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Ottawa prison

Harassed gay jail guard given \$98K

A former jail guard who endured "profoundly humiliating" homophobic harassment at an Ottawa prison has been granted what a grievance board called its largest-ever award for a human rights breach.

Robert Ranger worked at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre from 1998 to 2002, when he left because he said he couldn't take the taunts and gay slurs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scientists enthralled

Arctic cyclone chews up sea ice

Arctic scientists are watching in awe this week as a raging summer cyclone tears up what could become a record amount of rotting northern sea ice.

Cyclones are not unusual in the Arctic, but seem to be changing in recent years, said David Barber, one of Canada's sea-ice experts. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Virginia Johnson. Missouri farm girl turned sex researcher dies at 88

Virginia Johnson, the Missouri farm girl who helped redefine the understanding of human sexuality as half of the husband-wife team whose taboo sex studies in the 1960s turned them into worldwide celebrities and bestselling authors, has died. She was 88.

The pioneering sex researcher died at an assisted-living centre in St. Louis on Wednesday after suffering complications from various illnesses, her son Scott Johnson told The Associated Press on Thursday. He said the

Pants-dropper

Johnson had a way of putting people at ease, so much so that with "evangelical-like zeal" she figured out how to get volunteers "to drop their pants in the name of science," said author Thomas Maier, who wrote a 2009 book about the couple.

family was planning a private funeral. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Maybe Weiner has advice?

Swedish politician accidentally posts revealing selfie

A Swedish politician who wanted to show his new tattoo to followers on a social media site accidentally revealed far more than he

intended.

Lars Ohly, former leader of Sweden's Left Party, posted a picture of the English soccer club Liverpool's liver bird tattooed on his leg. What he failed to notice was that his genitals were visible in the background. Ohly quickly removed the picture after posting it Wednesday on Instagram. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Standing by her man once again, but why?



Huma Abedin has long worked by Hillary Clinton's side. Many have wondered why a successful, smart woman such as Abedin would give all her love to serial sexter Anthony Weiner. **PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVALS/FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The Good Wife. Many wonder why Huma Abedin continues to support Anthony Weiner

When Huma Abedin first started getting media attention years ago, some people couldn't help but wonder what this beautiful, ambitious woman and former aide to Hillary Clinton saw in then-Congressman Anthony Weiner.

That's a question New Yorkers might be asking them-

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"Quite simply, I love my husband, I love my city and I believe in what he wants to do for the people of New York."

Huma Abedin, writes in a first-person essay in Harper's Bazaar due on newsstands in September.

selves again after revelations that Weiner, now a candidate for mayor of New York, didn't immediately give up his habit of exchanging sexual pictures and messages to female fans after his humiliating resignation from Congress in 2011.

Abedin herself took a shot at an answer in an awkward joint news conference, saying she had forgiven her husband and felt his marital indiscretions were "between us."

Will that be enough to satisfy a bewildered public? Maybe not. But people who go searching for a deeper motive are almost certain to get it wrong.

"None of us know what's going on with that couple now," said Stephen Medvic, an associate professor of government at Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania and author of the book, In Defence of Politicians.

"She made a statement," he said. "Let's leave it at that."

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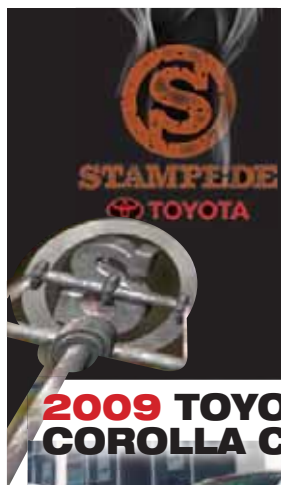
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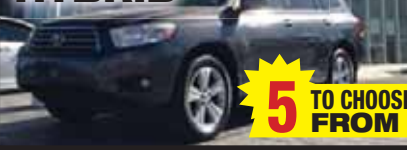


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Screenshot of the video game *Don't Let Pussy Riot into the Cathedral*. COURTESY GG-FLASH.RU

Video game lets faithful blow Pussy Riot away

Grace invaders. Players zap band members before they can enter a cathedral

A video game that allows players to kill members of the feminist punk-rock group Pussy Riot has been released online. The game *Don't Let Pussy*

Riot into the Cathedral was first unveiled at a recent Orthodox festival held in Moscow and is available on Russian flash game website gg-flash.ru.

Using their mouse, players control an Orthodox cross to zap cartoon drawings of Pussy Riot members before they can enter a church.

If too many Pussy Riot members enter, the building

collapses and the game is over.

Maria Voskresenskaya, one of the game's creators, told Metro: "I can't judge Pussy Riot — do not judge and you will not be judged yourself — but I cannot approve of the act they've done. Such acts have no place in the Church. Even more so, politics should not (be) there."

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South Africa. Hidden turret opens fire on car before self-destructing

It was a lethal gadget right out of a James Bond movie: Remote-controlled gun barrels rigged behind the licence plate of a car that spray bullets at an unsuspecting target.

But South African police say it may have been an attempt to kill Radovan Krejcir, a Czech fugitive who was sentenced in his country last year to 11 years in jail for tax fraud and has been linked to underworld figures in Johannesburg.

Krejcir emerged unscathed

from Wednesday's episode, which peppered his bullet-proof Mercedes-Benz. The empty, parked vehicle where the weapon was hidden burst into flames after the shooting, possibly destroying evidence.

Security consultant Rory Steyn said on Radio 702 that there could be "any number of motives" for the incident, possibly even something Krejcir set up to appear like an assassination attempt.

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About 10 bullets hit the driver's window, but the fugitive was out of the vehicle at that point, talking on his phone. TIMOTHY BERNARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cheque please

Man sues casino that paid him \$35K

A man who was robbed of more than \$35,000 in gambling winnings sued an Ohio casino, arguing the cashier should have issued him a cheque as he asked instead of cash.

Police said David Hayes was robbed at gunpoint when two men woke him at home hours after he left with his winnings Oct. 21.

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Parole

O.J. Simpson says he regrets heist

O.J. Simpson went before a parole board and pleaded for leniency on his armed robbery and kidnapping sentence Thursday as he expressed regret for his actions.

Simpson said he has become a counsellor of sorts to fellow inmates and noted he has made amends with the victims of his botched memorabilia heist in 2007.

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BlackBerry cuts 250 jobs at test facility

Waterloo, Ont. Layoffs are part of next stage of turnaround plan, firm says

BlackBerry has given layoff notices to 250 workers at its product testing facility in Waterloo, Ont., where the global smartphone company is based.

The employees, who supported the company's manufacturing, research and development efforts, were notified on Tuesday. "This is part of the next stage of our turnaround plan to increase efficiencies and scale our company correctly for new opportunities in mobile computing. We will be as transparent as possible as those plans evolve," the company said in an email.

The company announced plans last year to cut about 5,000 employees as part of its restructuring efforts.

BlackBerry is trying to recover a stronger position in the highly competitive smartphone market with its new BlackBerry 10 line of phones and operating system.

At the company's annual general meeting this month, CEO Thorsten Heins told shareholders that BlackBerry is in the midst of a "complex

Under pressure

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BlackBerry shares fell below \$10 earlier this month for the first time since last year. The company has been under pressure since it posted quarterly results last month that fell short of analysts' expectations.

transition" that included a three-stage plan to become profitable again.

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Since that report, analysts have become increasingly focused on whether BlackBerry will be able to successfully re-establish itself as a major player in the smartphone industry, which itself is facing headwinds.

Heins has hinted at products that could hit stores before the end of this year, but the company hasn't announced anything specific. It's widely expected the company will unveil a smaller-sized tablet device to fill the void left by its decision to no longer update the PlayBook.

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A glimpse inside the Netflix war room

What does it look like when Netflix launches a new series? This glimpse into a conference room at the streaming service's Los Gatos, Calif., headquarters earlier this month shows employees checking that the debut of *Orange Is the New Black*, an offbeat drama set in a women's prison, is proceeding trouble-free. In the so-called war room, engineers are flanked by nine screens: One scrolls through tweets mentioning the new series, and another lists some of Netflix's most closely guarded information — the rankings of videos that are attracting the most viewers on an hourly basis. The night's main mission was to ensure each installment of *Orange* is properly coded so the series can be watched on any of the 800 Internet-connected devices compatible with Netflix's service. Before the summer is over, employees will return for another late night in the war room to troubleshoot the Sept. 12 debut of Netflix's next original series, *Derek*. MICHAEL LIEDTKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Television. Survey highlights grim reality of job conditions

The market for reality television has exploded, with Canadian versions of *The Amazing Race*, *Storage Wars*, *Big Brother* and *The Bachelor* all competing for viewer attention.

But workers in the industry say they are being overlooked by some production companies intent on profits over the interests of their workers.

An exclusive first look by Torstar News Service at interim results of a survey taken by the Canadian Media Guild say workers complain that long hours, lack of security and benefits are some of the big issues that need to be addressed in the burgeoning industry.

"Factual TV is the new frontier and the business has really

grown, which is great. But the downside to this is some workers who are saying that they've given their blood, sweat and tears in an industry that is open to abuse," says Karen Wirsig of the Canadian Media Guild.

The union decided to conduct a survey after being approached by reality TV workers about working conditions, Wirsig says.

While long hours and demanding conditions are not unusual in the film and television industry, reality TV productions typically have smaller budgets, hire more freelancers and work on tighter deadlines, which could exacerbate poor working conditions, says the union.

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Reality TV production, such as the *Women Tell All* episode of *The Bachelor*, is booming in Canada, but a new survey says some workers feel their interests are being overlooked. CTV

Ads. Condom commercial is too hot for Pakistani regulators

Pakistan's media regulatory agency has banned a condom commercial starring a sultry Pakistani model after it received hundreds of complaints the ad was too racy, a senior official said Thursday.

The 50-second television commercial shows a Pakistani couple wondering why their neighbour's new bride, the model and actress Mathira Mohammed playing herself, is working so hard to keep her husband happy.

When asked about his secret, the neighbour smiles and holds up a pack of condoms made by Josh, which means excitement in Urdu.

"Bring Josh into your life," the neighbour says, just before

explosions flash behind boxes of condoms on the screen.

Pakistan's media regulatory agency banned the commercial Tuesday after reviewing it and determining that it violated the group's code of conduct, said Mohammad Saleem, a senior regulatory official.

Josh is a subsidiary of DKT International, a non-profit organization that promotes family planning and HIV/AIDS prevention, according to Josh's Facebook page.

DKT, which is funded by both the U.S. and Britain, has been working in Pakistan since 2012 to help women meet their needs for contraception, the group says on its website.

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Pakistani model and actress Mathira Mohammed appears in a banned ad for Josh condoms. SCREENGRAB/YOUTUBE

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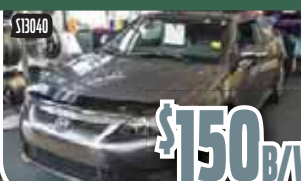


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STOLEN: ONE PIANO, SOME DIGNITY

1 Humble beginnings. As the Duchess of Cambridge pushed forth the fruit of the royal loom, global media granted her highness a rare modicum of privacy, foregoing details regarding distress of her sovereign regions or straining of the royal bosom. Nay, but whilst the revelation of the imperial moniker, George Alexander Louis, stirred such zeal amidst the multitudes, I reflected thusly to myself: "Why am I still watching this?"

2 Politics. British Prime Minister David Cameron announced a novel endeavour to filter out Internet pornography for his citizens. After all, everyone knows that most of the salacious content that appears on-screen arrives unsolicited and if not for Cameron, this material would continue to present itself to innocent husbands, boyfriends and teenagers. Well cheerio, good sir. And good luck getting re-elected.

3 Sext-posed. In 2011, a sexting scandal forced Anthony Weiner to resign from U.S. Congress. Now running for mayor of New York City, he's still sexting, but refuses to withdraw his candidacy.



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Mike Benhaim
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After all, his wife remains staunchly by his side saying, "Yes, he's made mistakes, but he's apologized. Sure, he made them again repeatedly, but I love him. Besides how do you think we met?"

4 Got it. Selena Gomez turned 21 this week and celebrated by legally having her first alcoholic drink. More importantly, every adult male that has seen Gomez's video Come And Get It, can now officially stop feeling dirty.

5 Bynes some time. Amanda Bynes is being held for mental evaluation after allegedly starting a fire in a California resident's driveway. Oh, so now a few nasty tweets, one little hit-and-run, bong out a window, shave your head, wear a crazy wig to court, start a small fire in the driveway, and suddenly you're crazy?

6 Who's coming? Scientists at Imperial College London have designed a concept mission to land astronauts on Mars. There has been news of other such missions over the last year, making me wonder why the major world governments keep telling us that global warming is not that big an issue, but seem to be fervently

searching for other options. Here's the scary part: They'll use our tax dollars in the name of progress, but you know they're not taking all of us, right?

7 Fine-tuning. Last week, two men walked out with Toronto General Hospital's baby grand piano at one o'clock in the afternoon. I don't have much to add except that I once got caught stealing a candy from the bulk bin while shopping at Loblaws.

8 This week in 1996. The Spice Girls scored their first U.K. No. 1 with Wannabe. It would sell more than six million copies and win an award for best British-written single. "So tell me what you want, what you really really want. I wanna really, really wanna zig-a-zig-ah." Best-written single indeed.

9 Take a bow. This week saw the untimely end of character actor Dennis Farina. Farina, who played cops and criminals alike, actually worked as a Chicago police officer for 18 years. Some will remember him from Law & Order, and others from films like Get Shorty and Saving Private Ryan, but to me, he'll always be Cousin Avy from Snatch. Rest in peace, bub-beleh, we'll miss you.

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Giant cockerel takes its perch

A gargantuan electric blue cockerel has been unveiled on a plinth in London's most iconic city square. Hahn/Cock, a 4.72-metre-high fibreglass sculpture by German artist Katharina Fritsch, is perched next to sombre military monuments in Trafalgar Square and is meant to symbolize regeneration and rebirth. **METRO**

Double meaning

- The sculpture's title "hahn," German for "cock," carries the same double meaning as in English and is a deliberate double entendre.
- It mimics the Gallic rooster, the unofficial national symbol of France, yet is placed on a square that commemorates Britain's 1805 Battle of Trafalgar, a naval victory over France.

Artist's viewpoint



"I am making an image of a male animal."

Women are getting more and more into the active role, they determine things, they make their way."

German sculptor Katharina Fritsch

Tough critics



"It's very ugly – a massive eye-sore. But that's

modern art for you, something big and controversial – but I would like to try and climb up the cockerel."

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@shehswings: Yes, but would make more sense if the coffees were distributed to less fortunate. Ppl stopping by Tim's can usually afford

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Letters and comments

RE: Shaming The Couch Critics, published July 24

Glib references to "banging the cafeteria lady at the YMCA" are never OK, even in the spirit Benhaim intended.

The point is undermined — and readers are alienated. Disappointed to find this kind of tone in what is usually a fine column marked by smart and sensitive writing.

Janet Gunn, Toronto

Well said. It's the old freak show made new. You have to have a certain personality to do this even for money. Shamamama posted to metronews.ca

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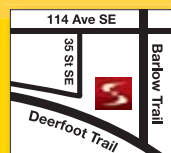
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Synopsis

Brandy Klark (Aubrey Plaza) is an overachiever. She's the publisher of her own magazine, *Women With a Y*, a straight-A student with a full scholarship to Georgetown University and her high school valedictorian. She's also a virgin, a status she hopes to change soon with the help of Rusty Waters (Scott Porter), a college surfer stud. Attacking her new project with the gusto that won her accolades in school, she gets the advice of friends and family (Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Alia Shawkat, Sarah Steele and Rachel Bilson) and makes up a sex "to do" list, applying the zeal that made her a mathlete.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●



Aubrey Plaza, left, and Rachel Bilson star in *The To Do List*. HANDOUT

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MARK BRESLIN



Let's talk about sex

The To Do List. Teen sex comedy genre gets a gender twist as the female becomes the hunter looking for bedpost notches

Richard: Mark, if you're of the generation familiar with *Snackwells* and *skorts*, then this movie may resonate a little louder for you than it did for me. It's a cleverly drawn coming-of-age picture, set in 1993, that gets the tone of the times right — skorts and all — but it left me feeling as though I was watching a throwback to the sex comedies of the early '90s filtered through a 2013 lens. In other

words, less innocence, more bodily fluids. What did you think?

Mark: One of the things I love about movies is how much you can learn from them. Richard, I had no idea how tough it is for an attractive young woman to lose her virginity! Well, live and lovin'. Switching the gender roles and making the teenage girl the aggressor was a nice touch, and setting it in 1993 made its pre-Internet sexuality seem almost believable. It's John Hughes with an R rating — not a bad thing. What did you think of Aubrey Plaza?

RC: I like Aubrey Plaza. I think if this part had been played by anyone else — im-

agine Emma Stone or Imogen Poots — it would have lost some of its charm. Plaza is naturally off balance, so the stranger moments of this movie don't feel forced or quirky for the sake of being quirky. As I said earlier, I didn't much go for some of the bodily fluid gags — or the gross *Caddyshack* tribute — but Plaza trying to vamp it up in an ill-fitting bathing suit is a really funny scene.

MB: I liked Aubrey Plaza too. She was just gawky enough to make the movie seem credible. In fact, the whole movie is well cast. Bill Hader has lots of great moments, and Plaza's two girlfriends are not the typical cuties you usually find in a teen picture. I actually think there's another influ-

ence working on this picture — *Napoleon Dynamite*. From the Idaho setting to the oversaturated colours, quirky rhythms and simple cinematography, there's a lot the two movies have in common, although this one seems more overtly commercial.

RC: Maybe more commercial, but telling the story from a female point of view is a nice change from the usual boy-centric sex comedy story.

MB: Richard, in spite of what some people may think, I am not, nor have I ever been, a teenage girl. But I found I could relate to the story, because although it takes place in 1993, it takes place in Boise, Idaho, which feels like 1973.

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Was dark role a factor in actor's death?

Cory Monteith. Glee star wanted to tap into the troubles of his youth in his final film role — a young junkie on the run from police

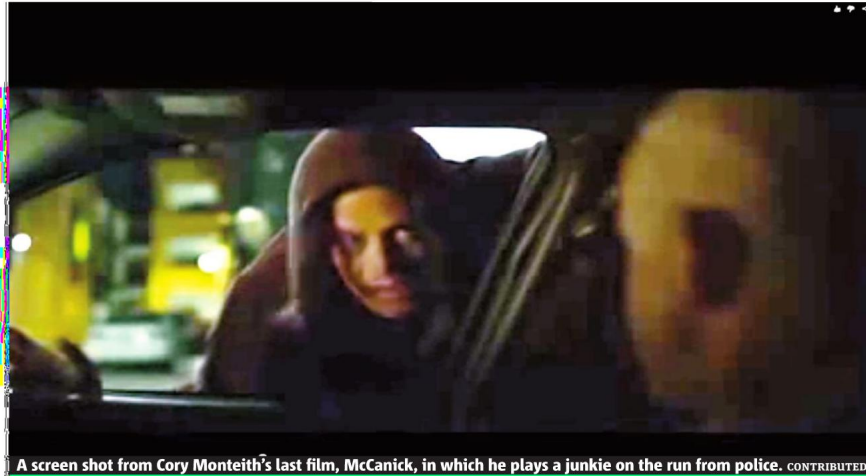
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Cory Monteith's fatal relapse into heroin addiction might have been triggered by his last film role — that of a hustling drug addict — speculates a source close to the actor.

The insider, who spoke to Metro on condition of anonymity, said Monteith's death bears a lot of similarities to that of Heath Ledger, who died of a prescription pill overdose months after becoming consumed by his Oscar-winning role as the insane Joker in *The Dark Knight*.

Monteith portrayed Simon Weeks, a young junk-



A screen shot from Cory Monteith's last film, *McCanick*, in which he plays a junkie on the run from police. CONTRIBUTED

ie on the run from police, in *McCanick*, which was shot over three weeks in Philadelphia last September.

"It may or may not have put another step in this," says the source, who knew Monteith for most of his life.

McCanick's director, Josh C. Waller, told the Los Angeles Times after Monteith's sudden death that the Glee star had actively pursued the dark role, saying he wanted to "tap into things from his youth that he hadn't been able to use

as an actor yet."

By March, Monteith's Glee castmates realized he was using and staged an intervention, prompting him to enter rehab in April for a month.

The actor's associate says it's hard to know for



Heath Ledger died of an overdose months after his dark role in *The Dark Knight*. GETTY IMAGES

sure whether his role as a hard-core addict could have reignited his real-life addiction, which Monteith openly admitted to struggling with since his teens.

"That's the thing. If you do any acting or you do any acting classes, you get involved. You try to literally put yourself in their shoes," he says, "and it does help if you find a character within the character and

you become that, so it's not really acting. You're just being."

Waller told the Times he last saw Monteith a month ago, when they met to watch a finished cut of *McCanick*.

The film does not yet have a distributor, but it has been submitted for consideration to the Toronto Film Festival.

In an interview on a Philadelphia radio show during its filming last September, the director praised the 31-year-old's passion for the role, which was a stark contrast to his more innocent and widely known character, Finn Hudson, on *Glee*.

"I've got to say, on Cory's behalf, his commitment to this role is really different than anything I've certainly seen him do, and it's been amazing to watch him do this," Waller said.

Monteith died alone in a Vancouver hotel room July 13 after consuming a toxic combination of heroin and alcohol.

Mama mia! Gosling gets emasculated in film

When it comes to conjuring up the most mean-spirited insults a mother could hurl at her son, leave it to Ryan Gosling.

In his latest film, *Only God Forgives*, the Canadian actor plays a drug-smuggling

mama's boy. In one scene, his character is humiliated by his mother at dinner after he brings a hooker, posing as his girlfriend, to meet mom — played by Kristin Scott Thomas.

Gosling said the embarrassments heaped on his character — including comments about his anatomical shortcomings — weren't originally in the script.

"She had to emasculate me

and so she asked me to help, which I thought was funny. We just worked together and I told her all the things that she could say to me that would be sort of castrating," Gosling said, smiling. "She has that whole crazy rant."

The actress said while it was fun to play the villainous character, the darkness in her soul was "debilitating and wears you down."

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Ryan Gosling's character in *Only God Forgives* gets torn a new one by his mama. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Wolverine

Director. James Mangold

Stars. Hugh Jackman, Rila Fukushima

This may be the sixth time Hugh Jackman has moused up his pointy mane to play the eponymous comic-book character but this latest version shows The Wolverine still has claws. Summoned to Japan by a dying, rich old friend, Wolverine winds up protecting an heiress from deadly yakuza, a toxin-spitting mutant and a (rather disappointing) giant samurai robot. Ridiculous as that sounds, The Wolverine's more crafty sequences (especially atop a speeding bullet train) help amplify the action's unravelling tone. **STEVE GOW**

Documentary



Room 237

Director. Rodney Ascher

Stars. Bill Blakemore, Juli Kearns

You don't have to be a Stanley Kubrick fanatic to enjoy Room 237, but it wouldn't hurt. The informal but infatuated examination of Kubrick's classic The Shining considers five theories of varied psychological intention behind the movie. There are some compelling arguments but too many clues simply accommodate wacky individual notions; if you analyzed Scary Movie 5 enough times, you would probably be convinced the filmmaker airbrushed himself into the clouds in that too. **STEVE GOW**

Comedy/Drama



The Way, Way Back

Directors. Nat Faxon, Jim Rash

Stars. Steve Carell, Sam Rockwell, Liam James

This new dramedy starring Steve Carell, Sam Rockwell and Canadian actor Liam James sets the story in a beach resort where an introverted 14-year-old is trapped in a world of adults. It doesn't add anything new to the coming-of-age genre, but what it does, it does really well. The movie's main strength lies in the interesting way the characters interact. It's more than just another study of awkward teen behaviour. It's a sweet movie with genuine laughs. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Comedy/Drama



Frances Ha

Director. Noah Baumbach

Stars. Greta Gerwig, Mickey Summer

The seventh film from Greenberg director Noah Baumbach isn't so much a traditional narrative as it is a character study of Frances (Greta Gerwig), an underemployed dancer struggling to find herself in New York City. It plays like a cleaned up black-and-white version of Girls; an emotionally rich and funny portrait of 20-something ennui. The supporting cast (including Girls star Adam Driver) is strong, but this is Gerwig's movie. Once again she hands in an authentic, affecting and wonderful performance. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Film news

New Zealand bans Elijah Wood flick

New Zealand banned a horror film starring Elijah Wood as a scalp-collecting serial killer from general release after the government deemed it too graphic and disturbing for the public.

The Office of Film and Literature Classification's action means Maniac — a remake of the 1980 slasher film about a killer who scalps his victims — cannot be screened anywhere other than film festivals or as part of academic study. DVDs of the film will not be allowed for sale.

The government censor said in its classification that Maniac, which is shot entirely from the killer's point of view, contains graphic violence and "content that may disturb," and said a wide release of the film "is likely to be injurious to the public good."

The ban was condemned on Thursday by the film's distributor and organizers of the New Zealand International Film Festival, which will be screening the movie on Saturday.

Ant Timpson, a programmer for the New Zealand film festival, said the idea that the film's first-person perspective could be harmful was a "big leap."

"It's saying that the (point of view) nature of the film mixed with the psychopathic behaviour of actor Elijah Wood is more than disturbing, that it's potentially dangerous in the hands of the wrong person (that is, a non-festival goer)," Timpson said.

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Fruitvale Station. A boyfriend, a father, a son: Telling Oscar's story



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For his debut feature film, *Fruitvale Station*, writer-director Ryan Coogler chose the true story of Oscar Grant, a young father in Oakland, Calif., who was shot and killed by transit police just minutes into New Year's Day, 2009. The shooting — seen in cellphone-captured footage — sparked riots and protests, but Coogler saw instead an opportunity to share Grant's story with the world.

How did you go about approaching this story and making the presentation of Oscar as accurate as possible?

I had access to the public record documents from the trial, and that was what I based my first draft of the script off of; just tracing the events, tracing the character from that aspect. The next thing I had access to was the family. I had an open door with them. What I wanted to do was to tell the story through the scope of the people that knew him the best, and on that day there was a lot of domesticity to his day, a lot of time spent with his girl, his daughter and his mom.

How about the decision to open the film with the actual cellphone footage from the incident?

My intention was to not show the footage ever in the film, but it had come up with my editors. I was really apprehensive about doing it and I realized the reason why was because I didn't need it. Because I'm from the Bay Area, I'd seen the footage so much, I didn't need to see it. But they were saying how they didn't know about this until they started to work on this project, and they thought it would be important to let the audience see what happened to him. And once we did it I realized that it played into a lot of the themes that went into making the film, the themes of proximity and how the movie's about how something that happens to someone can affect you differently when you know the person versus when you don't. It's interesting how all the decisions that put Oscar on that train are made by other people in his life. It was something that came up in research, in talking to his family members because each one of them kind of blamed themselves for Oscar winding up on that train.

Hickory, dickory, dock, Dice continues to rock

Career resurgence.

Comic legend Andrew Dice Clay finds new life with a book, movie, TV show — all stemming from a guest spot on *Entourage*

Andrew Dice Clay is on a roll. Or as the comedian sees it, enjoying a resurgence.

He's in Woody Allen's latest movie, *Blue Jasmine*; will judge a new syndicated TV talent show and see his autobiography published next spring, and is collaborating on a documentary about his life and career with *Entourage* creator Doug Ellin.

Add to that his guest shot on *Entourage* in its final season in 2011 and last December's Showtime standup special, *Andrew Dice Clay: Indestructible*, and it sounds like a comeback for Clay, 55, after a fallow period that included a brief 2009 stint on *Celebrity Apprentice*.

He looks at it otherwise. "I've always done things a little differently," said Clay, who became both popular and polarizing in the 1980s with his profane, raw standup routines, especially those with women as the topic.

Clay was so controversial — so misogynistic, angry detractors said — that his 1990 appearance as *Saturday Night Live* host prompted boycotts by series cast member Nora Dunn and scheduled musical guest Sinéad O'Connor.

He hasn't lost his onstage



Sally Hawkins, left, and Andrew Dice Clay star in the Woody Allen film, *Blue Jasmine*. The film will be released on July 26. CONTRIBUTED

New book

Also scheduled for spring 2014 is his autobiography.

- **Book.** *The Filthy Truth*, from Simon & Schuster and co-authored by David Ritz, who's written books with Ray Charles and Don Rickles.

edge, still essaying the Dice-man persona that he calls the "ultimate rock and roll standup comedic hero," one that's equal parts swagger, black leather and middle-age pompadour. But Clay suggests that the culture is so altered that it has caught up with him, putting him in a

different light.

Women "have become the aggressors," he said. "When I say they're the most aggressive piglets ever, I don't say that with disrespect. I waited for this generation."

In conversation, Clay is so polite that before he introduces a racy thought he assures the listener that it's part of his onstage material, not rudeness.

He's eager to talk about his sons, Max, 22, and Dylan, 18, who Clay says took centre stage in his life after he went through a divorce about a decade ago. Both boys are pursuing entertainment industry careers and, together, have a band called L.A. Rocks.

"I felt it was really more important to raise my sons

properly than make career moves," Clay said. "I did the clubs, did theatre, but didn't make any kind of moves to have this resurgence until they were old enough."

The *Diceman* as devoted dad?

"My persona is one thing. Who I am off stage as a human being is really different," said Clay. He's a relative newlywed, married three years to Valerie Vasquez, 29 ("I'm crazy about her").

Allen spotted him on *Entourage*, Clay said, leading to his role as a divorced blue-collar dad in *Blue Jasmine*, which has been singled out by some critics (*Variety* called him "an especially off-beat and rewarding casting choice"). **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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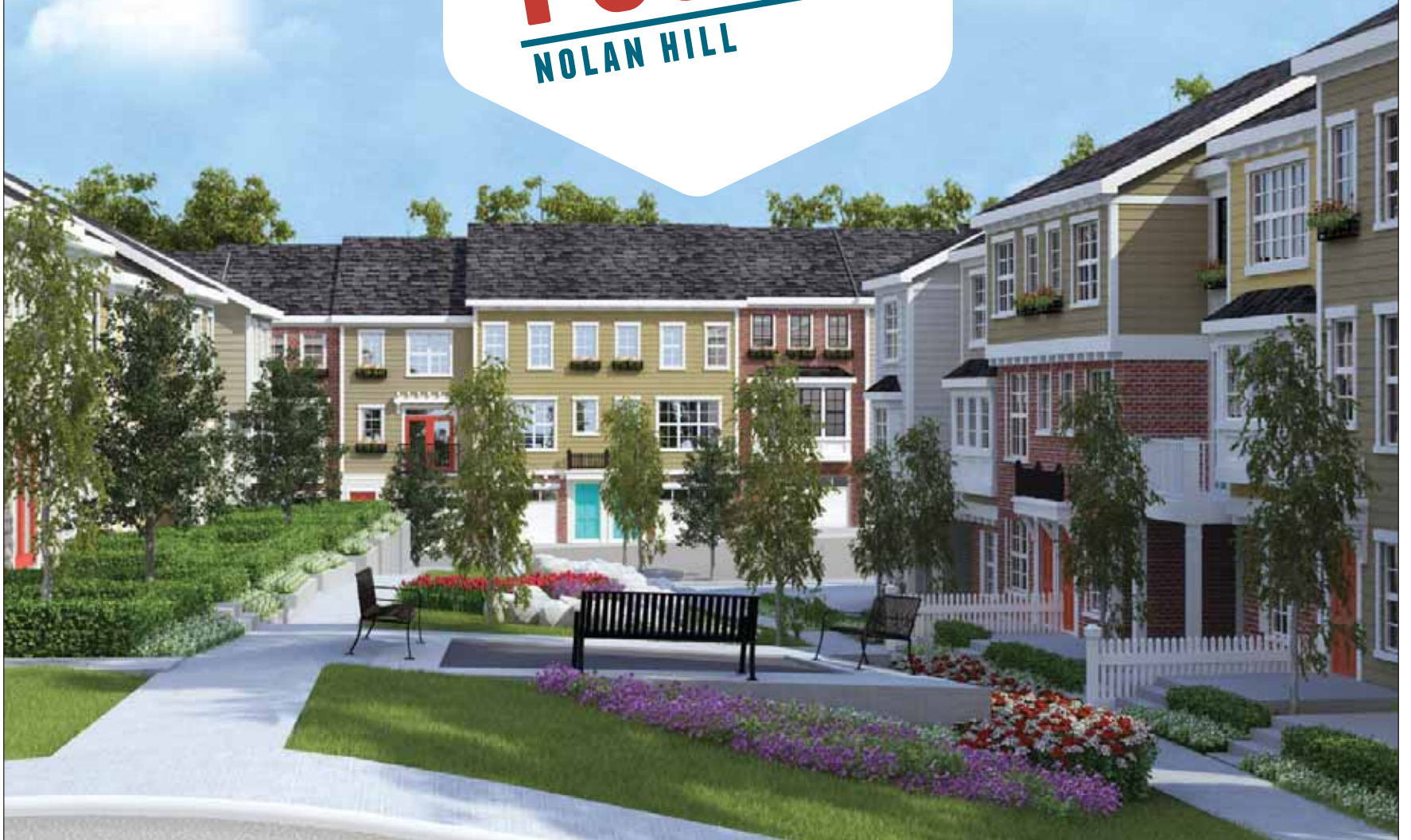
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Epic (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:50-7:30
Fast & Furious 6 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7-9:45
The Great Gatsby (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:50-9:40
The Hangover Part III (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55
The Internship (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-6:55-9:50
Iron Man 3 (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:05-7:05-9:50
Oblivion (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-6:45
The Purge (14A) Fri-Thu 10
Star Trek Into Darkness (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:55-9:45
Still Mine (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20
White House Down (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:50-9:40

**Crowfoot Crossing
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2 Guns (STC) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 10
Best of Luck (STC) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12-3:05-6:40-9:45
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Despicable Me 2 (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-7:10 Despicable Me 2 3D (G) SR Dolby

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The Heat (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:55-9:50
The Lone Ranger (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 6:35-10
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Grown Ups 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
The Heat (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:45
Little Shop of Horrors (STC) Sat 12:45
The Lone Ranger (PG) Fri-Wed 9:40 Thu 9:40-9:55

Man of Steel (PG) Fri 12:30-3:45-6:55-10:10 Sat 3:40-6:50-10:05 Sun 12:30-3:45-6:55-10:10 Mon 12:30-3:45-10:10 Tue 12:30-3:45-6:55-10:10 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:55
Monsters University (G) Fri-Tue 1 Wed 1-3:40-6:50 Thu 1-3:40
Monsters University 3D (G) Fri-Tue 3:40-6:50
Pacific Rim (PG) Fri-Thu 3:55
Pacific Rim 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-7:10-10:10
Pacific Rim: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:45
R.I.P.D. 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40
Red 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:50-7:45-10:35
Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas (G) Sat 11
The Smurfs 2 (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30
The Smurfs 2 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 3-5:30-8-10:35
This Is the End (18A) Fri-Tue 8:05-10:40
The To Do List (18A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3-5:35-8:10-10:45
Turbo (G) Fri-Thu 12
Turbo 3D (G) Fri-Thu 2:30-5-7:30-9:55
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World War Z (14A) Fri-Sat 1:25 Mon-Wed 1:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
World War Z 3D (14A) Fri-Tue 4:10-7:15-9:55 Wed-Thu 4:10-9:55

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2 Guns (STC) Thu 9:30
Best of Luck (STC) Fri-Tue 12:50-4-7:15-10:20 Wed 12:45-4-7:15-10:20 Thu 12:50-4-7:15-10:20
Bhaag Milkha Bhaag (14A) Fri-Tue 12:35-4:45-9
The Conjuring (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:45-5:25-8:05-10:45
Despicable Me 2 (G) Fri-Thu 12:10 Despicable Me 2 3D (G) Fri-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10

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The Smurfs 2 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 5:10-7:45-10:20
The To Do List (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:55-5:35-8:10-10:45
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World War Z 3D (14A) Fri-Tue 3:15-7:05-10:15

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The Conjuring (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:40-10:15
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Turbo 3D (G) Fri-Tue 4:10-6:50-9:15
The Way Way Back (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:50
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The Wolverine 3D (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:25
World War Z (14A) Fri-Tue 9:45



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The Awesomes is Hulu's first original series. CONTRIBUTED

Seth Meyers and Michael Shoemaker first began plotting *The Awesomes*, their new comic animated superhero series, in 2006, when Meyers was ascending to the Weekend Update desk at Saturday Night Live.

"Time-wise, this was a way better idea in 2006," says Meyers, adding that he wasn't too busy that summer.

"I couldn't get arrested in 2006."

The summer of 2013, however, is an entirely different matter. Meyers is preparing to take over NBC's *Late Night* early next year, leaving Saturday Night Live after the fall. (Soon thereafter, current *Late Night* host Jimmy Fallon will inherit the Tonight Show.) Shoemaker, who oversaw Weekend Update at SNL before leaving to produce *Late Night* with Fallon, is staying on to make the show with Meyers.

So the timing for the long-gestating *The Awesomes*, which will debut on Hulu on Aug. 1, arrives awkwardly in the midst of the biggest transition of Meyers' burgeoning career, a dive into the frenzy of late-night television. Asked in a joint interview how *The Awesomes* is fitting into their lives now, Shoemaker responds quickly: "Oh, not very well."

"Mike and I always said *The Awesomes* was our way to make sure we got to work together after SNL," says Meyers. "If we had any idea about *Late Night* ..."

Hulu original

- Hulu — which is co-owned by the Walt Disney Co., 20th Century Fox and NBCUniversal — has promoted *The Awesomes* as one of its marquee original series.
- The show was hyped recently at Comic-Con in San Diego, and Hulu has hopes that it will rival some of the high-profile original offerings from Netflix.
- While 2013 has been a coming-out party for Netflix originals, *The Awesomes* is Hulu's first new original this year.

"We wouldn't have bothered," chimes Shoemaker.

They kept at it, though, because the series is something of a labour of love, Meyers says. He and Shoemaker first met in 2001 when Meyers was hired as a cast member on SNL, where Shoemaker started in 1990. The two bonded in midtown trips to the comic book store, eventually coming up with the idea for their own funny, skewed gang of superheroes. After a brainstorming flurry, though, the idea receded behind the weekly demands of SNL.

"For a long time, the way we talked about it was, 'It's a shame nothing ever happened with *The Awesomes*,'" laughs Meyers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The man behind the Sharknado masterpiece

#Sharknado. OK, the movie might not win best picture, but it became a campy classic thanks in part to writer Thunder Levin

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO

Metro World News in New York City

If you have a television and a Twitter account, and you're not aware of the bizarre phenomenon that is *Sharknado*, then we can only imagine that you were in a temporary coma when the movie premiered on Syfy last week.

For those of you who have only recently re-joined the waking world (welcome back!) here's a quick primer: *Sharknado* is a movie about a freak tropical storm that somehow sucks man-eating sharks out of the ocean, whipping them into a cyclone of dead eyes and sharp teeth, and depositing them in downtown Los Angeles. Sharks, in a tornado. That's about the extent of it — it is somewhat brilliant in its absurd (so absurd) simplicity.

When *Sharknado* premiered, people lost their freaking minds. Twitter almost imploded, with #Sharknado generating about 5,000 tweets per minute over the course of a few hours. Because, dudes, *Sharknado*. We caught up with the man who wrote the damn thing, Thunder Levin, to ask, a few pertinent questions.

OK, how the hell did you come up with the idea for a movie ... about sharks ... in a tornado. Take me through the process.

I'm sorry to say the initial idea didn't come from me. I had been involved with a couple of films for *The Asylum* (the company that produces a lot of the Syfy movies) and they came to me and asked me to write a movie for them called *Shark Storm*, but it was going



Ian Ziering, second left, and Cassie Scerbo battle a shark in the Syfy original film *Sharknado*. The network is announcing a sequel to *Sharknado*, which became an instant campy classic. The new film premieres in 2014. CONTRIBUTED

to be a fairly straight disaster movie and it didn't really interest me. Then, about a month later, they came back and asked me to write something called *Sharknado*. At least that's what I thought they said. I couldn't understand why the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would be battling sharks. But they explained, "No, *Sharknado*. As in a tornado filled with sharks!" They gave me a half page of notes and I said, "This is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of and, as long as I can write it that way, I'm in!" The concept came to them from Syfy, who apparently had received a pitch with that title from Anthony Ferrante. So the whole thing came full circle when I, in perhaps my dumbest career move ever, withdrew from directing the film and Anthony was hired to make it.

Did you have any idea the kind of phenomenon this

thing would be?

Of course not. Who could have imagined all this?! I thought it would be a fun movie that people would have fun with. And once I saw the poster and tagline last November, and realized that the marketing of the film would tap into the same sense of fun I'd tried to put in the script, I thought we had a good chance to do fairly well. But I don't think anyone could have predicted the explosion that occurred. It's just been unbelievable.

Did you see *Snakes on a Plane*? All the *Sharknado* buzz reminds me of when that movie first came out.

EXACTLY! I was at opening night of *Snakes on a Plane* and it was like a party in the theatre. People were yelling out lines of dialogue and talking to the characters and throwing popcorn at the screen! It was one of the best experiences I've had in a movie theatre (even

though I usually hate it when people talk during a movie!). And I think what happened last Thursday night with *Sharknado* was the Internet equivalent of that.

Were you following #Sharknado on Twitter when the movie premiered? People were losing it.

Yes, I was part of the live tweet that the *Asylum* had scheduled with some of the people behind the movie. The organized tweetcast got completely overwhelmed by the huge public response. I'd look down to type a tweet and by the time I looked back up at the screen a couple of seconds later another 200 tweets would have come in. It was crazy.

Do you think that, from here on out, you will always be known as the guy responsible for *Sharknado*?

I guess that will be both my blessing and my curse.

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Movies. Rob Lowe stars in adaptation of Bill O'Reilly's Killing Kennedy

Rob Lowe, who has publicly aligned himself with the Democratic party in the past, says it was not a concern to take on a TV movie adaptation of Fox News pundit and conservative Bill O'Reilly's book Killing Kennedy.

"I didn't think about it at all because the book had come out and been so successful," said Lowe at the annual Television Critics Association (TCA) panel Wednesday in Beverly Hills.

O'Reilly's Killing Kennedy, which came out last year and was a bestseller, examined the events leading up to President John F. Kennedy's death.

Lowe plays Kennedy in the film, and says like O'Reilly's book, National Geographic Channel's version will also present a unique perspective on the country's 35th president.

"The way this story is told I've never seen before," he said.

Yes, it features Lowe as the doomed president and Ginnifer Goodwin as first lady Jackie Kennedy, but it also depicts Lee Harvey Oswald's life before killing Kennedy.

Will Rothhaar, who takes on the role of one of the most notorious killers in American history, says he tried to make Oswald relatable.

"You will look at him and say, 'I've been there or I've felt that,'" he said.



Rob Lowe on the set of National Geographic Channel's Killing Kennedy. CONTRIBUTED

Goodwin was not physically present at the press event but instead live via satellite from Vancouver, where she films the ABC series Once Upon a Time.

She said one of the most challenging parts of the role was Jackie Kennedy's famous aristocratic, breathy voice. Ultimately, the actress decided to not mimic her too much because it sounded like an impression. Lowe, too, had the challenge of recreating Kennedy's look and speech, which the self-professed history nut says he believes presidents today are even influenced by. He said he "could imitate every single president doing their version of JFK."

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How Peter Griffin can make you rich — or poor

At the casino. TV shows, films and even board games are immortalized in slot machines

Television, as any programmer, producer or actor will tell you, is a gamble. So there should be no surprise that TV-themed slot machines are turning up in casinos across North America.

This was especially evident on a recent trip to Las Vegas. A walk through any of the top resorts — Caesars Palace, Wynn Resorts, Mandalay Bay or The Mirage — and you can't help but see brightly lit slot machines decorated with images from shows such as Sex and the City, CSI, American Idol, Family Guy and Survivor.

Even syndicated shows such as Wheel of Fortune, Deal or No Deal and Judge Judy can be spotted in the gambling lounges.

More are on the way. As previewed at the most recent Global Gaming Expo, a slot machine modelled after The Walking Dead will be introduced in casinos this fall — just in time for the fourth season debut of the AMC series. Those machines will feature high-definition clips from the series.

The machines, as much as any Emmy Awards or magazine articles, are a sure sign a series has arrived. The Walking Dead has quietly become the most-watched drama in cable history, outdrawing series such as Breaking Bad or Mad Men — two shows that don't have slot machine spin-offs so far.



Television and movie themed slot machines are a popular fixture in casinos, with Family Guy, CSI and The Wizard of Oz encouraging potential players to part with their cash. BILL BRIQUX/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Neither did The Sopranos, with gamers perhaps sensitive to glorifying a mob boss like Tony Soprano in a Vegas resort.

Still, The Walking Dead could be a term used to describe bettors who walk away after sitting too long in front of a favourite machine.

The blinking, colourful gambling terminals don't just use TV show themes to lure customers. Feature films are also a popular draw. The Hangover, set in Vegas, has been immortalized in slots, as has The

Dark Knight Batman movies. Older films such as Ghostbusters and The Wizard of Oz are also featured in casinos. Even popular board game brands, such as Clue and Monopoly, are used to attract players.

There is also an obvious pitch to boomers through machines with a '70s or '80s slant. Kiss slot machines sit next to Michael Jackson terminals.

John Drake, vice-president of marketing and former vice-president of gaming at Casino Rama north of Toronto, says

In numbers

80

John Drake figures of the 2,500 slot machines at Casino Rama, fewer than 80 are TV- or movie-themed. Casinos in Canada pay more to rent or lease games with TV and movie tie-ins. In the U.S., according to Drake, studios participate directly, getting a cut of the daily take.

the trend toward pop culture themes in slot machines has been growing over the past decade or so. "The manufacturers do this because they want to build games that have a huge revenue potential," he says.

Most machines are manufactured in the U.S. by Bally and IGT. "They've invested millions into developing games," says Drake.

Licensing has become a hot component, with video clips from certain shows and even voices from certain TV characters interacting with players. "There's more entertainment value to the experience now," says Jenna Hunter, Casino Rama's media relations manager.

Players sitting at a Cheers-themed game, for example, will hear actor John Ratzenberger speak to them as mailman Cliff Clavin from the classic sitcom.

Drake says the studios that own the shows profit from these slot machine makeovers, as do some of the individual actors. Toronto-born Howie Mandel is featured prominently on the Deal or No Deal slot machine screens and is a winner from the game before anybody sits down to play it.

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Putting the Train back on tracks

Music. Calling all angels (and mermaids) — Train is back on the touring rails promoting their sixth studio album

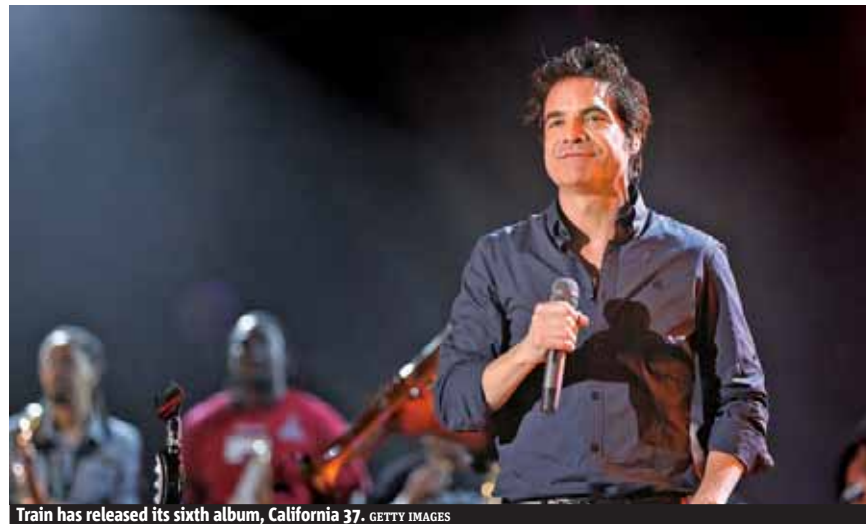
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Metro World News

When we spoke to Pat Monahan, the lead singer of Train, he was in Chicago, getting ready to depart for New York — by tour bus, unfortunately, not train — as part of a tour in support of its sixth studio album, *California 37*. We hitched a ride on Monahan's train of thought.

There must be nothing like playing Jones Beach in the summer.

This is one of the highlights of our career. The whole Long Island area — my friend Theresa Caputo, who is the Long Island Medium,



Train has released its sixth album, *California 37*. GETTY IMAGES

those are, like, my people. Those are the people I feel most connected with.

Wait, the Long Island Medium is your friend?

Yeah. My daughter was (one day) like, "I gotta watch my show, Dad, I gotta hang up."

I was like, "You're too young to have a show." She told me what it was, and I found it on YouTube and cried for about four hours watching it. ... (Caputo) came to see us in Central Park last summer, and we've become friends since then.

We hear fans have been dressing the part for your Mermaids of Alcatraz tour. People are just having a lot of fun with it. I remember reading a tweet like two months ago and this guy was like, "You're telling your fans to dress up as mermaids?"

Wine guys

They also have their own wine label. Pat Monahan talked about why.

- **Quote.** "Being from San Francisco, we thought, 'How can we bring San Francisco to people that don't get to go there?' We thought, 'Let's start by

bringing some of the best (wine) San Francisco has to offer, and then let's give the money to an awesome place.' We chose a really cool charity in San Francisco called Family House. I think the favourite right now is called Soul Sister — that's our pinot."

Dude, you've really sold out." And my response was, "Dude, we sold out 15 years ago." (Laughs). Because it's just like, who cares? If you don't want to have fun with us then don't come.

You recently said that this is the happiest you've been on tour.

Yeah, it is. Last summer, I was struggling with losing my voice, and my father had just passed away prior to the tour, and I hadn't really had a break in many years, so I started the tour kinda depressed. ... A few months

ago, a chiropractor read my chart. ... He said at our age, our adrenal gland is basically depleted, and our adrenal gland is what handles stress. So, here I am, I lost my dad, and that was like the straw that broke the whole back, I guess. I didn't know where to put my stress so it all started to go to my vocal chords. So he put me on a supplement to help kick start my adrenal gland, and gave me an adjustment, and I have not had vocal problems since. That's part of the joy — I don't have to come out and worry if I can sing.

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What the Internet washed up



SOUND CHECK
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Ancient Radiohead, Sirvana and The Groupies resurfaced on the web this week



Lemming Trail/ Radiohead

In 1986, a new Oxford, U.K., band called On a Friday issued a nine-track demo cassette. Now that band is called Radiohead, and a copy of the cassette is expected to fetch big bucks at an auction in September.



Get Back/ Sirvana

When Paul McCartney played Seattle last week, he invited some special guests to the stage: Dave Grohl, Krist Novoselic and former Nirvana sideman Pat Smear. You call this Nirvana reunion "Sirvana," apparently. Magic.



The Groupies/ Er, some groupies

In 1969, a record featuring nothing but interviews with woman interested in sleeping with rock stars hit the stores. Fascinating cultural anthropology.

Gomez won't give press the reaction they crave

New album. In addition to declining to talk about Bieber, pop star won't rule out whether this will be her last musical effort



Selena Gomez. GETTY IMAGES

While her on-again, off-again beau Justin Bieber has made a sport of angrily antagonizing the ever-present paparazzi, Selena Gomez rarely seems in danger of losing her poise amid the prying gaze of tabloid photographers.

But it's not because she condones their behaviour.

"I don't really want to give them what they want, you know?" the 21-year-old singer with the long, dark chocolate locks said in a recent interview. "I don't agree with it (and) I don't like it. I want to go to the grocery store and hang out with my friends at the movies and not be bothered by grown men with cam-

eras — that's awkward. star always seemed especially calm in contrast to Bieber's perpetual storm — not that she'd talk about that, of course. Journalists were strictly forbidden from mentioning the Stratford, Ont., pop star's name in the interview, a point mentioned several times then punctuated by the hulking body guard positioned by the hotel-room door.

Gomez, we're told, only wants to talk about Stars Dance, her fourth album overall and first without the backing band the Scene. And potentially her last.

She's not discounting a return to recording in the future, but seems more intrigued by her future as an actress.

"This (music) industry's so fickle, you can't trust it — one day you're good, the next day you're gone. So that's the tricky part," she said. "I've been telling people that this might be my last record for a while." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

eras — that's awkward.

"But at the same time, it's a part of what I have to do and I have to sacrifice that, I guess. I just try to keep my head down because I know exactly what they want. They want a reaction and I don't want to give it to them."

Indeed, the Disney-reared

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Touring. Unlike others who have washed away, Tegan and Sara are leaving a lasting impression on the music industry

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After 14 years as a musician, with seven studio albums and plenty of indie cred but surprisingly little mainstream recognition to her name, Tegan Quin now finds herself wondering, "Oh my God, what? Am I supposed to have that moment now? Am I supposed to have that moment where I say I'm so sorry to Sara, like, I've ruined our band?"

The sudden and rampant popularity of Tegan and Sara's infectious, electro-driven single *Closer* (off of 2012's *Heartthrob*) has thrust the Canadian sister act into the spotlight and onto the pop radio waves, a new trajectory



Tegan and Sara, buoyed by some pop singles, are now trying to convert people into fans beyond just their recent chart-topping hits. CONTRIBUTED

for the duo's career. Tegan remembers when their 2004 single *Walking With a Ghost* was making the rounds on the alt radio circuit and Sara (the more indie rock sister, Tegan says) moaned "We're like a one-hit wonder. We're like that band who has one song."

As it turns out, it wasn't true then and it's sure as hell

not true now.

"You know what?" says Tegan, when asked if she's dubious about the sudden uptick in their pop celebrity. "F— that. I'm really excited, it's great!"

"F— that" is sort of the unspoken mantra for the sisters, who have maintained a long and steadily evolving career despite all the odds against

them.

A lesbian identical twin sister act seems like studio-designed gimmick destined for one-hit wonderdom — remember t.A.T.u., the Russian "lesbian" outfit that captured the nation's fascination for about five seconds back in 2002? Tegan does.

"We would have been the Canadian version of that,"

Putting in the work

"That's part of our job right now, to go out there and tell people about all our other records."

Tegan Quin
Talking about her band Tegan and Sara

she says.

Instead, the sisters chose to first sign with a small label (Neil Young's Vapor Records) and take things slowly, allowing themselves time to grow as musicians and as people. And it's a good thing they did, because today Tegan and Sara are touring internationally while t.A.T.u. are, well, who knows?

"I'm going to go to Russia and find them," Tegan jokes, as we speculate about their whereabouts (she's pretty sure they both have babies now).

"I always say this to bands when they come to us asking for advice," Tegan says. "You have to put out a thousand leads to have one hit. I don't expect that every person who hears *Closer* is going to become a Tegan and Sara fan,

but I hope that enough do that it keeps our band relevant, and it keeps us making music. And that's part of our job right now, to go out there and tell people about all our other records."

Heartthrob is one of Tegan and Sara's poppiest records to date, chock full of clubby electro-hooks and infectious beats, and has likely earned the sisters a whole new generation of fans. It's doubtful, though, that any celebrity that comes their way will affect what seems to be a genuinely down-to-earth and slightly self-effacing take on life.

"I could never get a big head; I could never be a Rock Star," Tegan says. "Because Sara will always be there to tell me I'm not that. I'm just me."



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Books. Parting with NY is such sweet sorrow

DOROTHY ROBINSON

Metro World News in New York City

Thousands of people come to New York every year. They swear they will never leave. Then, a few years down the road, they meet someone. They have a child. And suddenly paying \$4,000 a month for a one-bedroom doesn't seem so attractive anymore.

But where do you go when a city has captured your heart? When it is as much as a part of your relationship as your partner? For Nate and Emily, the protagonists of Allison Lynn's evocative new novel, *The Exiles*, they flee to Rhode Island. But as soon as they get there (along with their 10-month-old child), they quickly discover all is not as postcard-perfect as they dreamed their new life would be. For Lynn, the experience of writing *The Exiles* was a case of life imitating art. "When I began writing the book, I thought I was someone who would be in New York forever; that the strain wasn't going to get to me. And a few early drafts into writing the book, my life started to parallel theirs. It was slightly spooky."

Like Nate and Emily, Lynn and her husband were priced out of the city once they had a



child; after a job offer came in, they decided to "take up stakes to move."

There are many subjects at play in *The Exiles*: being priced out of a city despite your Wall Street salary, bombshell secrets that both Nate and Emily keep from one another, old familial drama and the strain of parenthood in our materialistic age.

But for Lynn, the story kept coming back to "the disparities between the haves and the al-most-haves," she says about the book's main theme.

"The people who all their lives thought they are going to break into that upper income bracket, and reach their late 30s and discover it may never happen."

apparently bitten him, will his crystal ball still be as clear?

Silver is leaving the New York Times for ESPN/ABC News, and according to Deadline one of his new duties will be predicting Oscar results. It's a little hard to see what they expect him to do — while there are certainly trends in the Oscars, the process is much more closed off than an election. But far be it from me to doubt the great Silver's powers. **MELINDA TAUB/MWN**

Predictions

Silver off to bigger, brighter things

Nate Silver's statistical wizardry got us through a nail-biting election season in which his predictions proved eerily accurate — his statistical models for the New York Times correctly predicted the outcome of the presidential race in all 50 states. But now that the showbiz bug has

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Anonymity. What's attractive about hiding behind a pseudonym?

ALLISON BOWEN

Metro World News in New York City

When you have a billion-dollar name, why hide it?

Harry Potter series author J.K. Rowling admitted she did just that last week, acknowledging she used the pen name of Robert Galbraith to write detective novel *The Cuckoo's Calling*.

Readers scrambled to purchase the book, which shot up to first in Amazon's online sales.

Rowling's not the only person hesitating to take credit for work — others from big-name authors to Twitter parody accounts hide behind a pseudonym.

Stephen King, outed as pseudonym Richard Bachman, told USA Today, "It's an impossible secret to keep for long."

Political-stat virtuoso Nate Silver first wrote under the name Poblano. And fans of Mayor Michael Bloomberg might recognize @ElBloombitto, in real life a local writer, which mimics the mayor's press-conference Spanish.

Hiding behind a pseudonym is a low-risk way to try something new, experts say, especially for someone tied to a specific body of work, like Rowling.

"It's a clean slate," says Temple University psychology professor Frank Farley.

But what ultimately unmasks a pseudonym? Success,



Robert Galbraith — aka J.K. Rowling — books coming off the conveyor belt. GETTY IMAGES

Incognito

"She had the advantage of total anonymity to do something she really wanted to do, and nobody in a million years suspected that it was her, so she could have fun."

Mark Schroeder, senior vice-president at communications company M Booth, on author J.K. Rowling

he suggests. "They're testing the waters, and therefore they want to do it in disguise," he says. "Then if it works, they'll yank the disguise and reveal themselves."

Online

Social media pseudonyms

On a smaller scale, many tweet out clever — or scandalous — things behind a Twitter alter ego.

Anonymity is the norm online, Frank Farley notes. "It's almost a standard to not put your full name," he says. "So we shouldn't be surprised that we're seeing that elsewhere."

One parody account unmasked recently was @RuthBourdain, a combina-

tion of Gourmet editor Ruth Reichl and TV food host Anthony Bourdain.

Freelance writer Josh Friedland told The New York Times a second virtual life was exhausting — and getting credit for it might be nice, too.

Still-cloaked parody writers might hope to perpetuate a spotlight on the jokes, not the person, says Fordham University communications and media studies lecturer Michael Plugh.

"As soon as you know who the puppeteer is, the puppet ceases to be the focus," he says.

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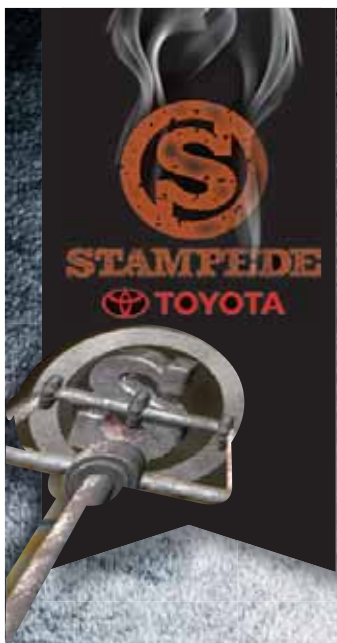
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This is what real mothers look like

Mummy-tummy.

Kate applauded for not hiding post-childbirth silhouette

As Kate and William showed off the royal baby, what caught the eye of many women was not the new heir to the throne but the Duchess of Cambridge's post-childbirth silhouette: that little bump under her pretty polka-dot dress.

"I love that she came out and there was a mommy tummy. It was there! We all saw it!" said Lyss Stern of New York City, who remembers turning down offers of a girdle and diet pills after her first child was born nine years ago.

Stern, whose company Divamoms.com organizes events and product launches, added that Kate was sending "the right message," in stark contrast to Hollywood celebrities who are shown "three weeks after childbirth with a flat stomach and G-string bikini. That's not real."

Even those who make a living getting new moms into shape applauded Kate. "I'm thrilled that she went out there like that, because we never see real mommy tummies," said Helene Byrne, a personal trainer in Oakland, Calif., who specializes in pre- and post-natal exercise. "When you see a magazine or photos of new celebrity moms, they're Photoshopped. They're fake! They're a big lie!"

The Daily Beast even ran a headline saying Kate's "unabashed baby belly busts the last taboo of pregnancy." Indeed, most celebrity new moms don't have their pictures taken until their tummies are flat again. And while the stars usually credit diet and exercise with making their bodies bikini-ready so fast, gossip and plastic surgeons often cite something else: the popular procedure known as a tummy tuck.

People magazine has an entire online archive devoted to "Body After Baby: Celebrity moms show off shockingly svelt figures after giving birth," but the magazine declined to comment Wednesday on the example set by Kate. Meanwhile, the summer's other celebrity mom, Kim Kardashian, has yet to be seen in public. Us Weekly reported that she won't leave



Prince William and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, hold the Prince of Cambridge on Tuesday as they pose for photographers outside St. Mary's Hospital in London. JOEL RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the house until she's ready to "debut her post-baby body."

Nobody can say whether Kate consciously chose to send a message that this is what new mothers really look like, or whether she didn't realize — or didn't care — how obvious her tummy would be. Either way, she un-self-consciously handed the baby off to her husband rather than using the newborn to camouflage her figure from the cameras and crowds when she emerged from the hospital Tuesday. And her form-draping dress was a contrast to the caftan-like outfit that hid Princess Diana's figure when she appeared publicly for the first time after giving birth to Will in 1982.

Nancy Manister, who worked for 20 years as a maternity nurse and now teaches at Fairfield University in Connecticut, even noticed a moment during the photo op when Kate "clasped her hands together underneath the belly, and I thought, 'She's not trying to hide it.'" As for anxious new moms wondering when that bump will go away, Manister says, "it takes six weeks to lose 25 pounds, and a full year" to get your old body back. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Miranda Kerr

Kerr lets us know what's afoot with husband Bloom

Maybe Miranda Kerr didn't mean to divulge so much intimate information about husband Orlando Bloom, or maybe it was a matter of poor word choice. Either way, the Lord of the Rings star is likely blushing. While telling Into the Gloss about what sorts of beauty essentials she keeps in her bag, Kerr revealed, "I'm really a freak about my nails. Orlando and I share a nail thing — he has a bit of a foot fetish." Duly noted.



Amanda Bynes ALL IMAGES GETTY

Bynes' folks aim to save her from herself

Amanda Bynes' parents, Rick and Lynn Bynes, are heading to court to request a temporary conservatorship of their troubled daughter, according to Radar Online. "Her parents will both be petitioning to be the temporary proposed conservators and want control of her personal and financial affairs," a source says, adding that Rick and Lynn "are hopeful that the judge will take into consideration that she tried to start a fire in a stranger's driveway and burned her pants in the process. She needs long-term mental health help."

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Bristling Baldwin gives shamed Weiner a hard time

Alec Baldwin is no Anthony Weiner fan. The former 30 Rock Star is calling for the scandal-prone New York City mayoral candidate to withdraw from the race after it was revealed Weiner resumed his habit of sexually explicit online

conversations with women other than his wife after a similar scandal forced him to resign from Congress in 2011. "Weiner has only one problem that disqualifies him from the race and that is that he is clearly addicted to reckless behaviour," Baldwin writes in an opinion piece for the Huffington Post. "Weiner should quit, walk away, let some time wash over his reversals and re-emerge, another day, to attempt some future race for public office."



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Past Portugal's fortified sips



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Portugal's reputation as the

world's premier fortified winemaker hasn't done it any favours when it comes to promoting its other wines.

Port is polarizing, and I've been asked more than once if all Portuguese wines have spirit added.

The country has been making non-fortified reds, whites, rosés and sparklings

for centuries. None see a drop of spirit and all would get a lot more attention if it wasn't for their Spanish neighbours hogging all the Iberian Peninsula limelight.

Like all warmer climate countries, Portugal knows its way around a refreshing wine and Vinho Verde (or green wine) is its classic warm

weather white. Though the northern region that shares its name makes other colours, it's the chillable white version that the locals reach for when temperatures rise.

Made from an eclectic blend of indigenous fruit, the Gazela Vinho Verde (\$8.30 to \$12.49) is a relaxed, citrusy thirst-quencher with a light

lemony body, forward acidity and a zesty hint of fizz.

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The anatomy of grilled cheese

When you were a child, you thought like a child: grilled cheese sandwiches were made from slices of Velveeta melted between slices of skillet-toasted white bread. Now that you are an adult, it's time to update the sandwich for a more grown-up palate.

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Bread

Begin by using better bread. In place of the squishy white stuff, try something with more substance: thickly-cut slabs of flavourful sourdough, sweet brioche or crunchy baguette.

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Next, add some interesting texture or flavours to the filling. Thin slices of sweet apple and spicy jalapenos complement sourdough slices nicely. The brioche makes a delicious and filling breakfast or brunch when stuffed with sliced ham, sautéed mushrooms and a fried egg. A baguette yields a bruschetta-like grilled cheese sandwich when dressed with fresh basil leaves, pesto and tomato confit.

Texture

You can use the fanciest, stinkiest, crumbliest cheese your heart desires if you borrow a trick from the food scientists at Kraft. Flip over a box of Velveeta and you'll find, among the other ingredients, the reason it melts so uniformly: sodium citrate. This white, crystalline ingredient is a salt of citric acid. You can buy sodium citrate at some brewer supply stores or order it online. Just dissolve 11 grams of sodium citrate into 1 1/8 cups (265 mm) of milk or water over medium heat, bring to a simmer, and gradually whisk in 285 grams of finely grated cheese (3 to 4 cups). As the cheese melts, the sodium citrate serves as an emulsifier and prevents the fat from splitting off to form a greasy slick on top. If possible, weigh the cheese because volumes can vary with the kind of cheese and fineness of grating.



Aged White Cheddar on Sourdough with Apples

For the cheese slices:

- 3 tsp (14 g) sodium citrate
- 1/2 cup (115 mm) water
- 6 cups (380 g) aged white cheddar cheese, grated

For the sandwich:

- 8 slices sourdough bread, 1/2 inch thick
- 8 very thin slices apple
- 3 tbsp (30 g) thinly sliced jalapenos

Lightly oil a baking sheet and heat it in an oven set to its lower temperature.

In saucepan over medium heat, dissolve sodium citrate in water, then bring to simmer. Add grated cheese to simmering water a handful at a time while whisking until all of the cheese is completely melted.

Pour the melted cheese onto the warmed baking sheet. Tip the sheet back and forth to form a single layer of even thickness. Cover the cheese layer with plastic wrap, and place it in the refrigerator until set, about 2 hours. Slice the cheese into pieces sized to fit your bread slices.

When ready to prepare the sandwiches, heat a large, heavy skillet over medium. Alternatively, heat a sandwich grill or panini press.

Butter the outward-facing sides of each bread slice, assemble the sandwiches, each with a slice of cheese, a slice of apple and a bit of the jalapenos. Add a sandwich to the skillet and pan-fry until the bread is golden brown and the cheese is melted, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Repeat with remaining sandwiches.



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Calgary Bluesfest

From Monday through next Sunday, Calgary's Bluesfest is taking place at Shaw Millennium Park (1220 9th Ave. SW). The event includes performances from Jimmie Vaughan & the Tilt-A-Whirl Band featuring Lou-Ann Barton, Martha Reeves & the Vandellas and Tom Lavin & the Legendary Powder Blues. After the main stage closes, check out the Twilight Blues Series at the Kerby Centre. calgarybluesfest.com.



Made With Love

This mixology competition at the Art Gallery of Calgary (117 8th Avenue SW) on Monday at 6 p.m. features competitors from Earls, Raw Bar, Charcut, Milk Tiger Lounge, Market, Ox & Angela and Model Milk among others. Head on down and celebrate Calgary's cocktail culture. The Art Gallery of Calgary's current summer exhibition is Summer Spirit, a "mystical, otherworldly exhibition where emotive colour and experiments with depth convey the essence of light." Tickets are \$55. enjoymadewithlove.com



24-Hour Clarkson

This event requires steady hands and a few pots of coffee to pull off. Brotherly duo Ben and Seth Leon, who make up the band Jeremy Clarkson, are taking the stage 24 times in the span of 24 hours this weekend. The first stop on this breakneck speed rock 'n' roll tour is at Broken City at 1 a.m. on Saturday. The 24th show will be played exactly 24 hours later at the Palomino. Stops in between will include the Blackfoot Truck Stop, a coin-operated laundry on 14th and a barbershop. For more information on the schedule visit: 24hourclarkson.com.



Talib Kweli

Talib Kweli has been making music for two decades now and he'll be playing a show at Commonwealth on Tuesday. Best known for his presence in the underground hip-hop scene and his collaboration with Mos Def in Black Star, Kweli is an inspiration to the likes of Jay-Z and 50 cent. Some of his biggest singles include Get By and The Proud. Tickets are selling fast. For tickets: talibkweli.zoobis.com.



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Calgary's Fringe fest is back starting Friday, Aug. 2, and running until Aug. 10. Inglewood is hosting the shows and performances, which are described as uncensored, unexpected and unforgettable. This year they include Geek Life, Naked Improv and an Apocalyptic Survival Guide — featuring a motivational speaker trying to ensure everyone in attendance is ready for the end of the world. Should be interesting. Visit calgaryfringe.ca

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God only knows if it's Bo's turn to go for Stampeders

CFL. Calgary coach Hufnagel says he'll make a game-time decision on QB starter

The Calgary Stampeders will make a game-day call on their starting quarterback, but the Winnipeg Blue Bombers have locked in backup Justin Goltz for Friday.

Winnipeg coach Tim Burke says he expects to see Bo Levi Mitchell under centre when the whistle blows, although Calgary coach John Hufnagel hasn't made that clear, keeping Drew Tate's return a possibility.

"It will be a game-day decision between Drew and Bo," Hufnagel said this week as his team prepared to face the Bombers at Investors Group Field.

Kevin Glenn is No. 3 at best for the Stamps after getting roughed up in their come-from-behind win over the Montreal Alouettes last week that lifted Calgary to 3-1 and second place in the CFL West.

Tate appears to be getting back in shape after taking a

Straight goods

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Calgary kicker Rene Paredes will get another shot at Paul McCallum's CFL record of 30 straight field goals Friday night. Paredes booted four field goals in Calgary's win over Montreal last week. He lined up a 34-yard try with just over a minute remaining to tie the McCallum's mark but it was blocked. Thanks to an obscure rule, the streak remains intact as the ball didn't pass the line of scrimmage and therefore statistically no attempt was made.



With Drew Tate and Kevin Glenn ailing, Calgary third-stringer Bo Levi Mitchell could get the start on Friday night in Winnipeg. Mitchell threw for 49 yards on 7-for-13 passing with two touchdowns as a substitution in last week's 37-28 win over the Alouettes. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

break due to a muscle strain in his throwing arm.

"I really wasn't that concerned," Hufnagel said of his quarterback choices this week.

"I'm disappointed in Kevin's progress. I thought I would have an opportunity to pick one of the three."

Hufnagel likes what he sees in Mitchell, who joined the Stamps as a backup last season, but added he's young and still makes mistakes.

"He's a good player. He's been productive when he's on the field," said Calgary's coach and general manager.

Hufnagel expects a very physical game.

"I know their team is going to be emotionally high," he said of the Bombers.

"They're very physical. Their defence, they're in the top in a lot of categories."

Regular Winnipeg starter Buck Pierce didn't seem too pleased with Burke's QB decision Thursday — not that he didn't wish Goltz well, but he said he feels healthy enough to play.

"I'm a teammate first and that's what I'll be," he said.

"Am I happy about it? You know no I'm not, but I want to make sure that we go out there and we perform."

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Week 5 pick



Four-year CFL veteran Justin Goltz will make his first career CFL start against Calgary in Buck Pierce's stead.

The good news for Winnipeg's defence is defensive tackle Bryant Turner is expected to play. He's missed the last two games with a

chest injury and was leading the CFL in sacks before he was hurt.

Who starts at QB for Calgary (3-1) remains a mystery and third-stringer Bo Levi Mitchell could be under centre versus Winnipeg.

Whoever plays quarterback still has running back Jon Cornish (413 yards) to hand off to and reliable receivers such as Nik Lewis and Joe West to throw to. And Calgary showed its resiliency last week rallying past Montreal.

Pick: Calgary.

CFL. Chamblin stalls on naming Durant starter



Riders QB Darian Durant leads the CFL with 12 TD passes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The boot was off but Saskatchewan Roughriders head coach Cory Chamblin won't rush his decision regarding quarterback Darian Durant's status.

Durant took limited reps in practice Thursday after missing Wednesday's session with his injured right foot back in a walking boot. Chamblin will wait as long as he can before deciding whether Durant will play Saturday in Guelph, Ont., versus the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pats trying to move on



"The fate of our season is going to be determined by the guys in the locker-room."

Patriots QB Tom Brady says he hopes his team won't be affected by the attention former teammate Aaron Hernandez is getting for his arrest on a murder charge.

MLB. A-Rod says he wants to play for Yankees Friday

Alex Rodriguez says he's ready to rejoin the New York Yankees.

A day after a doctor retained by A-Rod contradicted the team's diagnosis of a strained quadriceps, Rodriguez pushed for the Yankees to activate him from the disabled list for Friday's homestand opener against Tampa Bay.

Rodriguez, who has been sidelined since hip surgery in January, earns \$153,005 each day during the season. He is among the players under in-

A-Rod for criticism

"I'm excited and ready to play and help this team win a championship."

Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez

vestigation by MLB for alleged links to a now-closed clinic accused in media reports of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

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4 SPORTS

American Steeles 1st round of Canadian Open with 8 birdies

Golf. Ontario's Brad Fritsch and David Hearn still in the hunt at Glen Abbey

Even though half the field had yet to play on Thursday, the first round of the 2013 RBC Canadian Open was largely decided by noon.

Brendan Steele held on to his early clubhouse lead to win the first round of the Canadian Open after shooting a 7-under 65, with no golfer in the afternoon grouping able to crack the top five of the \$5.6-million PGA Tour event in Oakville, Ont.

Joe Affrunti came closest. His 4-under 68 performance tied him for seventh.

"Today was probably the



Brendan Steele leads the Canadian Open after the first round.
FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

most complete round that I've had all year, so that was kind of nice," said Steele. "Didn't miss many greens, didn't hit

many shots off line, and I was able to roll a few putts in."

The 30-year-old Steele played consistent golf over the par-72, 7,253-yard Glen Abbey Golf Course, only bogeying the par-4 ninth hole. Steele had eight birdies, five on the front nine alone.

Scott Gardiner, Matt Kuchar and Scott Brown all tied for second, one shot off the pace.

Gardiner was tied for first after eagling on the par-3 15th hole, but he bogeyed on the next hole to drop back into a tie with Kuchar and Brown.

Ottawa's Brad Fritsch was the top Canadian after a 3-under 69 performance. He birdied his final three holes to pass David Hearn of Brantford, Ont., on the leaderboard. Hearn finished 2 under.

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Als get leg up on Esks

Alouettes kicker Sean Whyte kicks a fourth-quarter field goal against the Eskimos on Thursday in Montreal. Brandon Whitaker rushed for 162 yards and scored a touchdown and Whyte booted six field goals — which included the game's final six points — in the Als' 32-27 win.

PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Nonis given keys to Leafs' future in five-year deal

These Toronto Maple Leafs were built in Brian Burke's image of truculence and grit. Six months after taking over as general manager, Dave Nonis hasn't drastically overhauled the roster.

But the moves he has made so far were enough to earn Nonis a five-year contract extension that gives him some long-term security.

"We all know that there's no short-term fixes in professional sports," Nonis said in a radio interview on Sportsnet 590. "If you're thinking short term you're probably going to do long-term damage."

That's the directive to Nonis and Toronto Raptors GM Masai Ujiri by Maple Leafs Sports & Entertainment president and CEO Tim Leiweke. The new boss's message has been about the future, and in extending Nonis he gave the 47-year-old the keys to the kingdom. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	61	42	.592	—
Tampa Bay	60	42	.588	½
Baltimore	57	46	.553	4
New York	54	48	.529	6½
Toronto	46	55	.455	14

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	56	45	.554	—
Cleveland	53	48	.525	3
Kansas City	48	51	.485	7
Minnesota	43	55	.439	11½
Chicago	40	59	.404	15

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	59	42	.584	—
Texas	56	46	.549	3½
Seattle	48	53	.475	11
Los Angeles	47	52	.475	11
Houston	34	67	.337	25

Thursday's results
N.Y. Yankees 2 Texas 0
Chicago White Sox 7 Detroit 4
Toronto 4 Houston 0
Tampa Bay at Boston, postponed
Kansas City 7 Baltimore 1
L.A. Angels at Oakland
Minnesota at Seattle
Wednesday's results
Oakland 4 Houston 3
L.A. Angels 1 Minnesota 0
Cleveland 10 Seattle 1
L.A. Dodgers 8 Toronto 3 (10)
Tampa Bay 5 Boston 1
Texas 3 N.Y. Yankees 1
Kansas City 4 Baltimore 3
Detroit 6 Chicago White Sox 2
Friday's games — All times Eastern
Texas (Perez 3-3) at Cleveland (Kluber 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Dempster 5-8) at Baltimore (Tillman 12-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 5-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 9-8), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Lyles 4-4) at Toronto (Dickey 8-11), 7:07 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 4-12) at Detroit (Fister 8-5), 7:08 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 4-7) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 5-2), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Williams 5-6) at Oakland (Colón 13-5), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Diamond 5-9) at Seattle (Hernandez 11-4), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	57	45	.559	—
Philadelphia	49	53	.480	8
Washington	49	53	.480	8
New York	45	53	.459	10
Miami	38	62	.380	18

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	62	37	.626	—
Pittsburgh	60	40	.600	2½
Cincinnati	58	44	.569	5½
Chicago	45	54	.455	17
Milwaukee	42	59	.416	21

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	53	47	.530	—
Arizona	52	49	.515	1½
Colorado	49	54	.476	5½
San Francisco	46	55	.455	7½
San Diego	46	57	.447	8½

Thursday's results
N.Y. Mets 7 Atlanta 4
Washington 9 Pittsburgh 7
San Diego 10 Milwaukee 8
Miami 5 Colorado 3
St. Louis 3 Philadelphia 1
Chicago Cubs at Arizona
Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers
Wednesday's results
Pittsburgh 4 Washington 2
Atlanta 8 N.Y. Mets 2
Milwaukee 3 San Diego 1
St. Louis 11 Philadelphia 3
Colorado 2 Miami 1
Chicago Cubs 7 Arizona 6 (12)
Cincinnati 8 San Francisco 3
Friday's games — All times Eastern
N.Y. Mets (Mejia 0-0) at Washington (Zimmermann 12-5), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 8-2) at Washington (Ohlendorf 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 9-2) at Miami (Alvarez 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 13-5) at Atlanta (Minor 9-5), 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee (Peralta 7-9) at Colorado (Chatwood 6-3), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 8-8) at Arizona (Delgado 2-5), 9:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 5-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 9-6), 10:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Jackson 6-11) at San Francisco (Cain 6-6), 10:15 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Toronto	4	2	2	0	118	116	4
Montreal	5	2	3	0	122	139	4
Hamilton	4	1	3	0	79	126	2
Winnipeg	4	1	3	0	91	109	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Saskatchewan	4	4	0	0	151	67	8
Calgary	4	3	1	0	125	109	6
BC Lions	4	3	1	0	104	84	6
Edmonton	5	1	4	0	99	139	2

Thursday's result

Montreal 32 Edmonton 27

Friday's game — All times Eastern

Calgary at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Saturday's game

Saskatchewan at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

RBC CANADIAN OPEN

At Oakville, Ontario

Par 288

First round

Brendan Steele	65
Scott Brown	66
Scott Gardiner	66
Matt Kuchar	66
David Lingmerth	67
Hunter Mahan	67
Joe Affrunti	68
Aaron Baddeley	68
Kevin Chappell	68
Trevor Immelman	68
Also	
Brad Fritsch	69
David Hearn	70
Corey Connors	71
Roger Sloan	71
Graham DeLaet	72
Eric Banks	73
Mike Weir	73
MacKenzie Hughes	74
Peter Lawis	74
Stephen Ames	74
Riley Wheldon	75
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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Take care of your health today because you could easily overdo it. That applies to social activities, especially. By all means have fun but respect your limits. Yes, you do have them, just like everyone else.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Why are you afraid to ask for advice? Maybe it's because you fear you will be told the one thing you don't want to hear. The point is it's the one thing you most need to hear.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Even Geminis have days when their emotions get the better of them and this may be one for you. Whatever others may say or do, you are advised to take none of it seriously.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You may be flattered by someone's attention but are they being sincere? According to the planets, they may be buttering you up because there is something they want from you. Find out what it is.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

There is one more obstacle you need to find a way past before you are free to chart a new course. It does not matter how you deal with it so long as you make a choice and stick to it.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Try not to come on too strong, either in your personal life or at work, because people may take it the wrong way. You know how much you hate being told what to do. Well, they feel that way too.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may wish that someone would be more careful about the company they keep but you must not be too forceful about it. If you insist they steer clear, they will most likely do the opposite just to spite you.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

No one is following you and no one is planning to trip you up. So why do you feel this way? Maybe it's just your guilty conscience — again.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Sometimes you can impose your will on others but it won't be so easy today. In fact, the more you try to tell others what to do, the more they will do something different.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be tempted to disappear for a while, to leave the mad world behind you, but the planets say you should stay right where you are and do something decisive. Running never solves any problem.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Do something practical to help a friend in need but draw the line at giving them money. They may mean it when they promise to pay you back soon but the planets warn they may not be able to.

Pisces

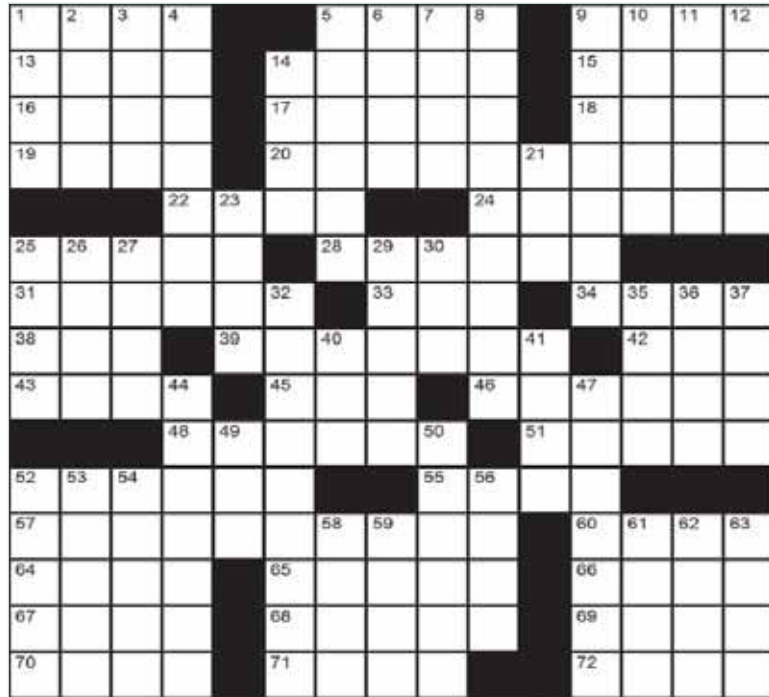
Feb. 20 - March 20

A friend is feeling low and needs some kind words. Who better than Pisces to say the right things? Remind them why life is always worth living — and while you're at it remind yourself. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Be at the beach
- Atkins = Low-___ diet
- Famed NYC music club
- Lima's land
- Work at a wedding reception
- Seed covering
- Actress Ms. Arden's
- O2 ___ (Venue in London, England)
- Network of nerves
- Work station item
- "Cruel Summer" group
- Kiln kind
- Quake's quiver
- Library literature
- Waves enthusiast
- Spellbound
- ___-expressionism (Art movement)
- Modify the magazine
- "___ dreaming?" (Is this real?)
- Crews on ships
- 1990s trial Judge
- Large, informally
- Wheat: French
- Dishearten
- Hotel's car attendants
- Workshop machine
- Ask for ___ (Request more money at work)
- ___ aka Sporty Spice
- Decongestant



- ___ (Pharmacy product)
- Genghis ___ (Mongol emperor)
 - Backbone
 - "Tortoise Wins by ___" (1943) starring Bugs Bunny
 - Kilometre's counterpart
 - Decorate anew

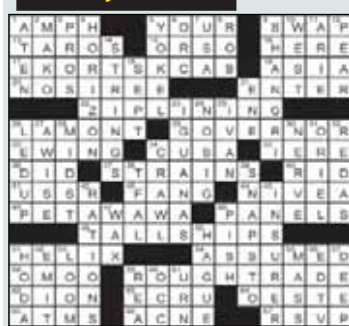
- Endures
 - Munitions
 - River of Flanders
 - Very: French
 - Clean-cut
- Down**
- Did this, got a ticket
 - "___ Got Tonite" by Bob Seger

- Wraths
- "Cottage Country" in Ontario, ___ Lakes
- Jeweller's fave veggies?
- ___ (Bo Derek in her breakthrough film)
- Actress Ms. Sofer
- Wayne Gretzky's Ontario hometown

- Actress, Tia ___
- Shiny-scaled fish
- US naval base in Cuba, commonly
- Cloudiness of vision
- Metered rides
- Depeche Mode song: "People ___"
- Snake sorts

- Glow with happiness
- "You Can Count ___" (2000)
- Unique, for short
- Not yet rented
- Speedwagon's musical partner
- Product by Canadian brand Windsor: 2 wds.
- ___ Coke
- Mosquito bite reaction
- Carry
- 'Duct' suffix (Malleable)
- Buy and ___, as stock
- ___-style sunglasses
- "The Wolverine" (2013) star Hugh
- Non-verbal communication syst.
- Brains
- Steamed
- Some restaurant steak orders
- Record's spot for the hit
- "For Your ___ Only" (1981)
- Racehorse flick, "___ Lap" (1983)
- Tear down, variantly
- Take on a new employee
- City in Quebec
- Up-in-a-tree sight

Yesterday's Crossword

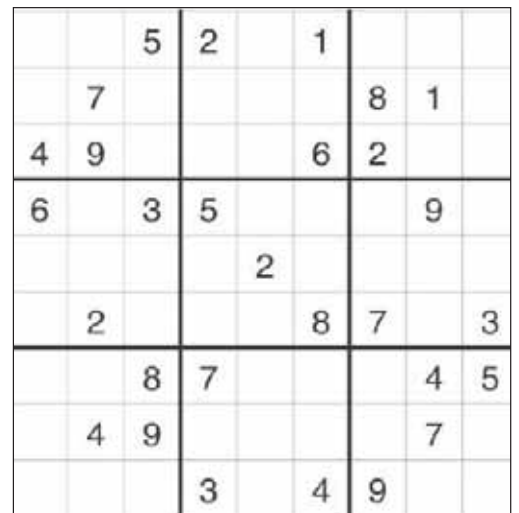


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



MAX: 24°
MIN: 12°

SATURDAY



MAX: 18°
MIN: 14°

SUNDAY



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